

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11

Congratulations!

Our International President
As a Lion for almost 40 years, International President Fabricio Oliveira has always given back to his community. His entrepreneurial spirit has driven him as a business leader and a Lion, inspiring ambitious projects and others to join him in service. With a strong sense of purpose and positivity, President Fabricio believes there is a leader inside every Lion, and we can all make a lasting mark on the world.



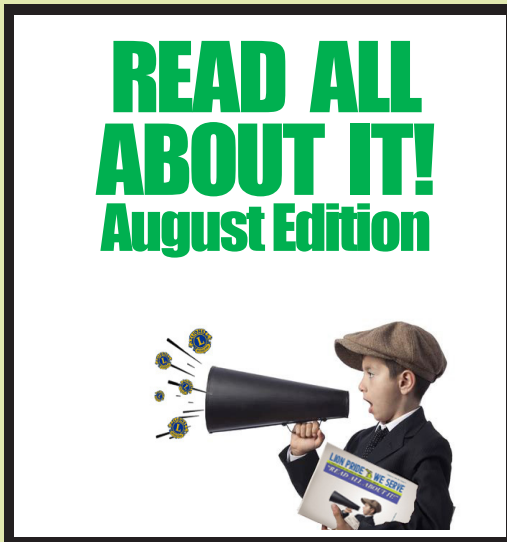
2024 - 2025 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira

Make Your Mark!

Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.

We Lead By Example!

As Lions, our actions and service inspire others. We provide courage and a unique sense of empowerment to our communities and to the world. To do this, we depend on great leadership. And that takes great leadership development for our members.



For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024
USA/Canada Forum
Louisville, Kentucky

OCTOBER
LIONS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH
VISION AWARENESS
LEO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024
2nd Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training,
Treetops Resort, Gaylord

NOVEMBER 8-10 2024
Lions Leadership Institute
Register thro' 10.4.24
MacMullan Center, Roscommon

DECEMBER 6-7 2024
3rd Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training
Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2025
4th Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2025
Lions Michigan Forum
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

FEBRUARY 28, 2025
Lions MI Forum Service Project
Kalamazoo Delta Marriot Hotel

MAY 16, 2025
5th and Final Council of Governors Meeting
Double Tree Hotel Bay City

Check our website for updates & additional information



CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHIGAN'S NEWEST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ID DAVE WINEMAN!

ID Wineman was inducted during the 106th International Convention held in Australia.

Director Wineman is the CEO of both Abadata Computer Corporation and Abadata Connect, Inc. with more than 45 years of experience in information technology. Among his many notable projects are the sponsoring of numerous school clubs and Boy Scouts of America troops, expansion of tourism and business through a partnership between the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce and local village government, as well as Michigan state highway expansion. Director Wineman joined the Sebewaing Lions Club, now known as the USA Lions Club, in 1994 and is still an active member. He has held a number of offices within the association, including district governor, Guiding Lion, youth chairperson, region chairperson, vice council chairperson, area leader, zone chairperson and Lions of Michigan Foundation trustee, among many others. In recognition of his service to the association, Director Wineman has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Certificates and



International President's Medals as well as a Club Youth Chairperson Certificate of Appreciation. He has received many awards from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, including the Hellen Keller Fellowship, Outstanding Service Award and Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship. Director Wineman is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lion activities, Director Wineman has served as a board member for the Lions of Michigan foundation, as well as the president and board member of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Additionally, he has served as mayor and trustee of Sebewaing, Michigan, and is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery, BICSI and CompTIA. Director Wineman and his wife Lindy, who is also a Lion as well as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and 12 grandchildren.

> GREETINGS FROM OUR CC - NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Fellow Lions –

It's summertime madness in Michigan! Lions have fired up their grills and are putting chicken on the barbie, serving the masses with a yellow vest and a smile. Each year I try to make a mental note of the many clubs who sell out hundreds of dinners with each event held. One that stands out is the Clark Lake Lions Club who recently sold 900 chicken dinners during the annual Clark Lake Raft-O-Rama. What a crowd, and what a great way to serve the community.

This summer Lions Clubs are organizing Classic Car Shows, outdoor music concerts, community festivals, picnics in the park, blood drives and beer tents. We are selling cotton candy and glow sticks at the fireworks show while hosting Bingo at the county fair community tent. It's nothing new for us.

KidSight Vision Screenings and Back-to-School events are the norm. We wear our signature yellow vests decorated with meaningful pins and medallions. Furry Lion costumes with a poorly ventilated head piece are strutted around town with ease! We decorate floats and ride in parades in all kinds of weather throughout the year to promote our service and Lion Pride.

The service – and fun – never stops. Lions are tireless and dedicated to service and to Make our Mark in this world. The best part? We're having a blast!

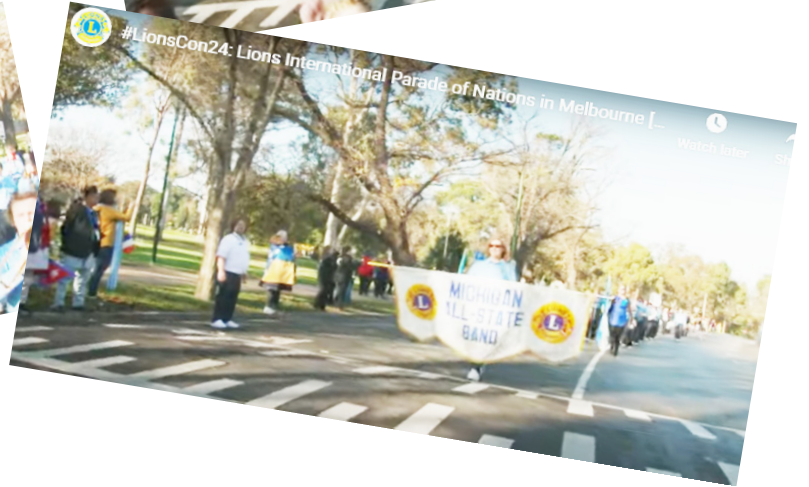
Spread the word and watch your club grow with enthusiasm.

Happy August, Lions!

**Lion Wendy Burns – Executive Director
Lions Clubs of Michigan**



Some highlights from the International Convention in Melbourne Parade 2024



"MAKING A MARK"



FROM THE DESK OF CC TERRI HUFFMAN

Join me in "MAKING A MARK" in 2024-2025! -Council Chair Terri Huffman

I have been busy preparing for the first Council of Governors meeting where we will begin by identifying what MARK we hope to leave this Lion year.

I have also been on the preliminary planning for this year's MD State Convention which will be held in beautiful Bay City at the Double Tree Hotel May 15-17, 2025, and I assure you, it will be one for the records!

We have Global Action Team training in Orlando mid-August, which will provide the GAT leaders with great insight on membership recruitment, retention and new club development.

We each have MADE OUR MARK in our personal lives with our families, our careers, our tattoos, etc.

MAKING OUR MARK as a service organization is another story. There is a great deal we can do individually, but what can we do as a club, a district or a multi-district? Possibly better said is, what have you or your club done to leave your mark in the lives of others in your community. Do you sing the praises of service you have rendered? Do those in need in your community know what all you as a Lion can do to assist them to live a more productive, healthier, satisfied life? Marketing our organization, our service, our spectacular membership is a key to "MAKING OUR MARK" AND "MAKING IT COUNT".

Join me this year in leaving our community in a better state than we are in today! It takes you and me, and our passion to SERVE to make that MARK!

PDG Terri Huffman, MD 11 Council Chair

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM - IPDG STEVE MURCH STATE CHAIRPERSON



"We Serve" is more than just a motto for Lions, it's at the core of what we do. But if we don't find a way to promote our service and everything we do, then we are limiting ourselves in everything from fundraising to member recruitment.

I am continuing the challenge that this year's Council Chair Terri Huffman (and last year's GST) has pushed – report your club service early and often. There might be some who don't believe it necessary, but everyone from International to the club can utilize those numbers.

When we keep track of – and report – our service we are able to better understand how we are affecting our communities in a positive way. Our clubs are making a difference in so many ways and the better we keep track of these efforts the better we can see how effective we are.

Our clubs, districts and International all can use those reports to promote the service of Lions. Some might say that self-promotion isn't why we do it, and they would be right. And wrong. How can we grow as clubs and increase/improve our service if we don't let others know what we are doing?

Imagine being able to tell you community that you helped several thousand people over the last year through your service and donations to various organizations. Now spin that to the next time your club is in the community asking for donations – people will remember how much you have made a difference and are more likely to donate.

So make sure the person who is responsible to report service does so. Many people are having issues with the new Lions portal, so if they are have them reach out to your district GST or District Administrator to help them. We are a team and they are valuable teammates you can rely on for help.

The initial goal is to have 100 percent of clubs report service, but the ultimate goal should be to have 100 percent of clubs reporting 100 percent of service.

Thanks for all you do!
Lion Steve Murch

PDG ROSHNI PATEL PRESENTS AT LCI-CONVENTION MELBOURNE



PDG Patel recently attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, with over 11,000 people in attendance this year. She attended the parade, which was colorful and beautiful, and praised the Lions of Michigan All State Band performance.

This year, PDG Lion Roshni Patel from District 11 A 1 was selected to give a presentation on the topic of Promoting Service. She

provided a power point presentation which highlighted the need for assessment in a community and focused on LCI's Global causes. She emphasized partnering with businesses and other organizations as well as other districts and service clubs.

She also focused on When, Where, and How to plan for an event and highlighted fundraising opportunities, and of course, the importance of showcasing service activities.

PDG Patel emphasized the Global Membership Approach with Mission 1.5 in mind. Time was allowed for questions and answers with plenty of interaction with members from around the world. Overall, this was an impactful positive opportunity to be part of our association's International Convention.

PDG Roshni Patel, District 11 A1

MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

by Chair PDG Don Spinks



Here is a program that I recently found out about. What a great idea.

Radio Reading Service Celebrating 50 Years.

WHAT IS WKAR RADIO READING SERVICE (RRS)? WKAR Radio Reading Service is a 24/7 free



reading service to individuals who cannot access traditional reading materials due to visual, physical or cognitive conditions.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WKAR loans qualified listeners a special portable radio free of charge. The pre-tuned radio includes the Radio Reading Service signal and 90.5 WKAR. You can listen within a 60-mile radius of WKAR's Okemos/Meridian Township broadcasting tower or on your computer at WKAR.org through a variety of streaming applications.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Participants must meet at least one of these qualifications:

- Trouble reading or using printed materials as a result of a visual, physical or cognitive condition
- Macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa or dyslexia.

RRS CONTENT INCLUDES:

- Three Michigan and two national newspapers
- Local, state, national and international news and features
- Weather forecasts and alerts
- Best-selling novels
- Grocery and department store ads
- Community calendar events
- And more!

HOW IS RADIO READING SERVICE FUNDED?

It costs WKAR approximately \$120 per RRS listener each year to provide this service. Radio Reading Service is funded by individual contributions and support from community organizations.

VOLUNTEERING

WKAR welcomes your volunteer support. Join more than 100 volunteers who read live and recorded material on the air. The commitment is one hour per week.

Spotlight DISTRICT GOVERNOR DG TOM MACNAUGHTON



A goal of mine this year is to add 27 new members to the Lions membership in District 11 E1. When I first set this goal, I planned on starting a new Leo Club that would account for the first 20 members. Boy did I get a shock! Leo clubs do not count toward my goal. 27 new members need to be added to District 11 E1 - and that has to be 27 after you replace those who passed away and left Lions. My Motto is "grab an oar and start rowing" so let's get this done.

Membership is growing fast at Lake Ann Lions Club. New club president, Lion Jeff Morse, took over for the 2024-2925 Lion year with 6 members in the club including Jeff and his dad. His Dad is a charter member and just received his 45-year chevron. Lion Jeff did not want to see the Lake Ann Lions club fold since his dad was a founding member. Jeff got on face book and told local groups that if they liked what the club does they need to become a part of the club as they were on the brink of closing.

Since then, Lion Jeff has said people have been coming out of the woodwork to join and Lake Ann Lions Club has added 34 new members to their roster bringing the club's membership to 40. Lion Jeff grabbed an oar and started rowing! He thanks Lion Val Timers of the Cedar Maple City club for all her help.

This brings me to my topic for this article. If Lake Ann can go from 6 to 40 we can all do it. Get on Facebook and other Social Media platforms. Don't be afraid to tell them your story about why you need more members. In short, to do more community projects you need more members. Point out that belonging to a Lions Club is fun. Have the Tail Twister come up with new games to help the members enjoy the meeting. Give the new member a project that they are interested in. The reason they joined was they wanted to serve their community. Let them feel useful.

Other approaches, ask your spouse to join. This gives them a night out with friends and offers more fun projects. Ask your sons and daughters, they have been watching you go to Lions events for years. Explain to them what Lions do. They may have been waiting for you to ask them to join. Ask your friends, neighbors, business associates, minister, and anyone else you can think of. If they say no, ask them if they can think of anyone who would be interested. Don't give up! You can do this.

We can grow our clubs. How long has it been since you told anyone about Lions? Grab an oar and start rowing.

Congratulations to the Cedar Maple City Lions for their recent addition of a new member who stated she has been attending service projects and felt it was time to join. Future members are out there – they just need the ASK.

In other news I congratulate Robert MacNaughton on becoming a new Lion and taking on the job of District 11 E1 Lions Band Chair. Robert is a past member of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. When he heard that we are rebuilding the band he asked if he could be of service. I said yes but first you must be a Lion. One of my goals this year is to have 15 band members from district 11E1. With your help we can achieve this. Each club is encouraged to contact their local band director and tell them about our band. Lion Robert to send out a letter to all clubs in 11 E1 suggesting ways to achieve this.

Special thanks to all Lions who have volunteered to be part of my administrative team, and to IPDG Jim Patterson. Without their help with keeping me on track and running smoothly, I would not be able to do this job. Grab an oar and start rowing!

Yours in Service,

DG Tom MacNaughton, District 11 E1

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 10



District Governor Scott Kwarciany, D10, Leslie King-Sacred Beginnings, Stephanie Graef-UPHTTF

On Tuesday, July 24th, 2024, the UP Human Trafficking Task Force held an event in Hancock, which featured Leslie King, human trafficking survivor and founder of Sacred Beginnings, the very first survivor-led, peer-mentored transitional home program in the State of Michigan, located in Grand Rapids. Stephanie Graef, Executive Director of the U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force and Dr. Scott Kwarciany, District Governor of the District 10 Lions were in attendance for this informative presentation which will initiate the process of developing a Sacred Beginnings transitional home and program in the Upper Peninsula.

"The fight against human trafficking is real. It affects our communities, even the rural ones right here in the U.P." said District Governor Kwarciany. "Human trafficking and sexual exploitation of our vulnerable populations is an emergent crisis to which we cannot turn a blind eye. Humanitarian issues are one of the global causes of Lionism, and the Lions of District 10 will do our part to not only raise awareness to this type of humanitarian crisis, but we will work to see that this plan to bring Sacred Beginnings to the UP is brought to fruition."

The UP Human Trafficking Task Force is looking to secure a location for this 12-person transitional home in either Houghton or Keweenaw county and begin programming by the end of 2025.

DG Scott Kwarciany, 10,

> USA CANADA FORUM NEWS

USA / CANADA FORUM - SEPT 5 - 7, 2024 LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY



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INSPIRATIONAL
SPEAKERS
during meals



THURSDAY EVENING
SAM GLENN. For nearly three decades, Sam Glenn's inspirational and artistic speeches have impacted audiences of all sizes - some audiences as large as 75,000 people at stadium events. Sam has spoken for just about every industry you can imagine. When it comes to attitude - nobody is excluded. Organizations get better when their people get better and it all starts with attitude.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

RANDY PIERCE. During two short but significant weeks in 1989, a devastating neurological disease transformed Randy Pierce from a healthy and ordinary young man to a blind man completely uncertain of his future. Randy's passion for experience encouraged him to use adversity as a positive catalyst for growth and opportunity, resulting in amazing adventures, honors, and accomplishments.



SATURDAY LUNCHEON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
FABRICIO OLIVEIRA. 2024-2025 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira will share his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

SATURDAY EVENING

TRISH WILSON. Life is more than just doing life. It is about experiencing it, enjoying it and seeing how one life intersects another and makes a difference in both lives. Trish Wilson's motto is "You have one more day, to do one more thing, to change one more life, so don't miss the opportunity." What would happen if you start looking at every day as different, special, impactful, adventurous, challenging and life-changing?



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November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024
Additional information to follow

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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2024-2025 DISTRICT GOVERNORS



Front row: DGs Cheryl Anderson, Judy Keller, La Wanna Lofton-Coleman, Rhonda Furby. Back row: DGs Carl Cozart, Tom MacNaughton, Scott Kwarciany, Denny Gocha. Not pictured, DG Louvenia Shack-Seals, Cory Knuth, Jonathan VanTol

Spotlight

GLT MD11
PDG Traci Tribley
TEAM COORDINATOR



UNINTENTIONAL MENTORING: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF IMPACTING ONE LIFE

Dear Fellow Lions,

Welcome to a new Lions year, and the beginning of a new chapter in your journey as Lions. This month as I was trying to come up with an idea for a newsletter article, I was reminded of all the unintentional mentoring I have witnessed over the past few months as the Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Watching the staff members mentoring younger staff and campers just by being themselves and being present in their lives was an amazing Experience to see firsthand.

Sometimes, the most profound impact we have on others happens when we least expect it. A kind word, a helpful gesture, or a shared story can light a spark in someone's heart, setting them on a path toward leadership and service.

Leadership isn't about grand gestures or dramatic changes; it's about the small, consistent actions that influence and inspire those around us. When we touch just one person, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond what we can see. That single person, inspired by your example, may go on to inspire others, creating a chain reaction of positive change and leadership growth within our communities.

Our experiences and stories are powerful tools for mentorship. By sharing our journeys, challenges, and successes, we offer invaluable lessons and inspiration to others. When we open up about what matters to us, we not only connect on a deeper level but also demonstrate that it's possible to balance passion with action. Remember, if something is important to you, you will find the time to make it happen.

Innovation and creativity are vital in leadership. By looking outside the box, we can discover new ways to achieve our goals and overcome obstacles. This mindset not only helps us grow but also inspires those around us to think creatively and pursue their visions with confidence. When others see us making bold moves and trying new approaches, they realize that they too can step outside their comfort zones and make their dreams a reality. One of the most significant sources of motivation is seeing someone else succeed.

When we see our fellow Lions taking action and making a difference, it instills a sense of possibility and determination. By leading by example and sharing our stories of perseverance and success, we create a powerful narrative: if we can make it happen, so can they.

As we continue to lead and serve, let's remember the profound impact we can have through unintentional mentoring, sharing our stories, thinking creatively, and inspiring others. Each of us has the power to make a difference, one person at a time.

Yours in Service,
Traci Tribley PDG GLT

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE INFORMATION

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2024 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

GRADUATE INSTITUTE

This Program expands on the topics you have learned at the Leadership Institute and gives you a few more.

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 8 - 10, 2024**
Location R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email Lions@lionsofmi.com
Phone (517)887-6640 ext. 103



More Information!

Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes

There is a \$300 fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Friday morning, November 8, 2024. Registration between 10:30 and 11:30 followed by lunch.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

- Here's a sampling of classes:
- Team building
 - Managing change
 - Presentation skills
 - Action plans and goal setting
 - Conflict resolution
 - Leadership
 - Effective listening

Application form Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes



Deadline: October 4, 2024
Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____
Last name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Club name _____
District _____ # years in Lions _____
Highest Lions office held _____
Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ___ no ___

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?
Leadership Institute
Graduate Institute

Payment Information

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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 4, 2024



> LIONS NEWS

IS YOUR LIONS CLUB IN THE NEWS?



Is Your Lions Club in the News?

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA
MD11 Public Relations Chair

Have you ever heard a radio or TV reporter say something like “Next, we’ll hear about a woman who is visually impaired and yet has collected thousands of used eyeglasses to help others see”? How about a newspaper headline on the order of “Teens Take on Trash and Win?” The chances are you said to yourself, “That might be interesting,” and stayed tuned in or continued reading. Those stories might have come -- not from a reporter’s digging -- but from a Lions Club just like yours.

Even in these days of diminishing print journalism, placing news stories can still be the most effective means of getting your message to the local media and, through them, to volunteers and donors. Here are some guidelines both for recognizing or creating news stories related to your Lions Club’s service and fundraising projects that may appeal to and persuade the media to publish or broadcast those stories to your local stakeholder publics.

A news story is a written or recorded (or, occasionally, live) article or interview that informs the public about current events, concerns, or ideas. Sometimes local media will use exactly what words you give them, but you may not end up writing the final story. Instead, you can provide story ideas to journalists who then flesh out your idea to create the story as it appears on air or in print.

A news story can be long or short, depending on its newsworthiness or interest to people who watch TV, listen to the radio, or read the paper. It may be written, recorded, live, or taped, depending on the medium you use and the timeliness of the story.

Your story can be “hard” -- full of important facts and news items -- or “soft” -- focusing on the personal, more human side of an event or situation. An example of a hard news story might be an article on the alarming rise of diabetes and how Lions work to combat the disease. A soft news, or feature, article would be a story about a member who uses a wheelchair to overcome architectural barriers in town as they work on their various Lions service projects.

The main benefit of using television, newspaper, and radio stories to spread your message is that they can provide cheap, immediate coverage of your events. They can connect you with larger and more diverse audiences who may be interested in joining or supporting your Lions Club. During the next year, we’ll be placing special emphasis on helping all our Michigan Lions Clubs connect better with their local media outlets.

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.

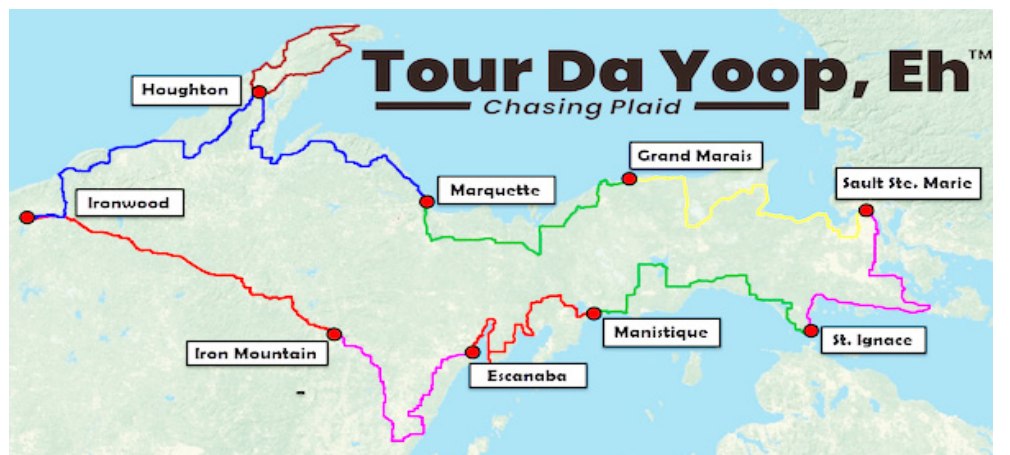
NEWS FROM SD 10 ACROSS THE BRIDGE



DG SCOTT KWARCINY



PID Jenny Ware and DG Scott Kwarcianny take a moment to congratulate District 10 students who participated in the LCI Parade of Nations in Melbourne as part of the Lions of Michigan All State Band.



Tour Da Yoop, Eh is a fundraising ride to benefit Lions Serve Childhood Cancer programs in District 10. Now in its 7th year, the ride traverses through all 15 counties with breathtaking views of the majestic Great Lakes. 2nd Vice District Governor Gary Perala will participate in his fourth year of this 10-day ride. To date, the event has raised \$165,000 and already in 2024 \$107,000 has pledged.

VDG Gary is passionate about this ride, but it can’t match his passion and joy for bringing financial relief to families whose young loved one is battling cancer. Go online at donate to this great cause at: www.tourdayooph.com/childhoodcancer.



Marquette Lions Club members are taking a proactive approach to collecting cans and bottles that have a Michigan deposit. Funded by several generous grants, a distinctive new container in Lions bright yellow and blue can be found throughout downtown during the Blueberry Fest & Harbor Fest. This will promote responsible recycling and provide income to the club for their community needs, such as eyeglasses, food pantries, Bay Cliff and more.

Ishpeming Lions Club had a busy 4th of July with their concession stand at the AIQual recreation park. A great crew of hardworking Lions include two new members who made this a successful event, capped off by an evening of beautiful fireworks.



Northwoods AirLifeLine project to replace worn out headsets is well underway, with many clubs contributing to the cost. Zone Chair Kurt Kipling contacted the clubs in his zone asking each to donate \$200. Other clubs are challenged to do the same. NWall is a non-profit organization of volunteer pilots from Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin who donate their time and aircraft to help patients and their families with urgent medical needs for services not found locally. Since our founding in 1989, over 2200 missions have been flown to destinations throughout the Upper Midwest, all at no cost to the individual.

Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? Dues Structure and Allocation

ALLOCATIONS: MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11

Administration	\$9.61
Council/Committee/Treasurer	1.25
MD 11 Convention	.40
Restricted Fund	.50
International Convention	.24

Total Income/Regular Member: \$12.00
(Student/Family Member: \$6.00)

LION PRIDE PUBLICATION: \$4.50

ALLOCATIONS: SINGLE DISTRICT 10

Administration	\$1.68
Restricted Fund	.50
International Convention	.40

Total Income: \$2.58

Dues are billed two times per year in July and January. For questions regarding your 2024-2025 1st half-year dues statement, please contact Executive Director Wendy Burns at 517-887-6640 ext. 11, or email: wburns@lionsofmi.com

Thank you for your continued service to our communities!

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Lions of Michigan All State Band



19,500 miles and six flights later, Lions of Michigan All State Band CEO Deb Davis safely transported band members, directors, chaperones and equipment to Melbourne, Australia. She makes it look easy!

35 students performed at six venues around Melbourne, including the International Parade of Nations. Performances took place at two schools, a children's hospital, Disney Land and Universal Studios. Over all, 2,050 people were served plus thousands more who viewed performances on Facebook. This was a life changing event for students and band organizers alike. Next stop: Mexico City, Mexico, July 3-9.

You can help increase band membership by promoting participation. Auditions will open September 1 on the LMASB website:

www.lionsmiband.org



District Governor Cory Knuth and fellow Lions jumped in to assist wherever the need was during the recent LMASB Camp, even if it meant hemming and altering uniforms, providing water and assisting with food preparation and clean up.



Have you ever wondered how the band transports their musical instruments when traveling via plane? It takes a crew to load, unload, check-in, and repeat!



LMASB students share a picture with Lions from Turkey.



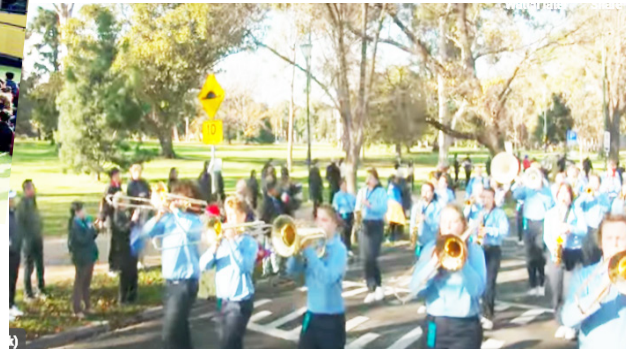
School kids were given the opportunity to try out the instruments.



Making friends along the route of the International Parade of Nations.



LMASB students performed at local schools while in Australia, much to the delight of students and staff members alike.



The LMASB Playing along the Parade Route!



A patient's mom's gratitude says it all.



A performance at the Royal Children's Hospital was especially rewarding!



The dedicated group who helped make it all happen!
Christy Dodge, Rob Lewis, Jessica Ladiski, Jessica Gardner, Jim Ladiski, Jason Russell, Band Director and LMASB CEO Deb Davis.



Back in the states in time to take the stage at Universal Studios, California

WELL DONE LMASB!

>24-25 DG'S IN AUSTRALIA!

2024-2025 District Governors in Australia!



Front row: DGs Cheryl Anderson, Judy Keller, La Wanna Lofton-Coleman, Rhonda Furby. Back row: DGs Carl Cozart, Tom MacNaughton, Scott Kwarciany, Denny Gocha. Not pictured, DG Louvenia Shack-Seals, Cory Knuth, Jonathan VanTol



2024-2025 Council Chair Terri Huffman is officially sworn in by Immediate Past Council Chair John Daoud at the meeting held in Grand Rapids, August 2-3.



CC Terri is flanked by great leaders PCC Dave Hill and PCC Ron Gibson.



Taking a break from the meetings, District Governors enjoyed fellowship in the Hospitality Room. Pictured left to right: Lion Linda Gocha, PDG Ron Coleman, DG La Wanna Lofton-Coleman, Council Chair Terri Huffman, VDG Aletz Cozart, DG Scott Kwarciany, DG Carl Cozart, VDG Cheryl Anderson, PID Gary Anderson, DG Cory Knuth, DG Denny Gocha.

NEWS FROM LCI

Peace Poster Contest

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.



An Interconnected Strategy

By combining the strategies of the Global Membership Approach, MISSION 1.5 and our district goals process, we can take our membership growth to new heights and fortify our clubs, districts and multiple districts.



MISSION 1.5

Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide on July 1, 2027, so that we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH

The **Global Membership Approach** equips districts to develop membership through a strategic process focused on rejuvenating districts with new clubs.

DISTRICT GOALS

District Goals provide districts with the opportunity to create goals and action plans that are directly tailored to each district's annual priorities. Action plans to support **MISSION 1.5** targets will be submitted through the district goals process.



Getting to know your GAT (Global Action Team)

- The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions — at all levels — who are focused on helping districts achieve their **MISSION 1.5** targets. This important team is positioned to help foster club membership growth, build strong, innovative leaders and increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service.
- GAT leaders play a larger part in ensuring districts are held accountable in reaching **MISSION 1.5** targets. By leading by example and providing the guidance necessary to navigate challenges and celebrate success, only then can Lions be successful.
- Already a GAT leader? Learn more about your role on the Roles and Resources webpage.



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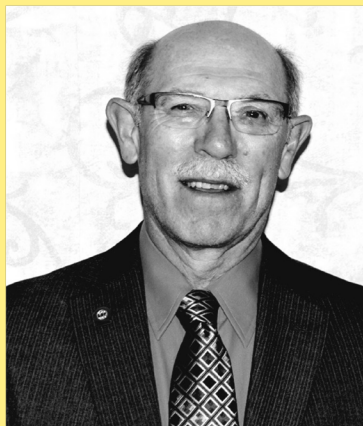
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The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. We work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life.

Through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, we primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Our services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Through our KidSight Program, we aim to identify and help restore normal vision to children suffering from undiagnosed vision disorders that affect their ability to perform in school and develop on pace with their classmates. Our hi-tech mobile vision screeners are programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

Through our Hearing Screening Program, our objective is to identify and treat hearing problems before they impede a child's learning and development and negatively impact a child or adult's quality of life. Research shows that 15% of children and over 30% of older adults suffer from hearing loss that harmfully affects their daily lives. Untreated hearing loss will interfere with a child's ability to learn and may cause behavioral issues that will disrupt their academic success and social development, and among older adults, untreated hearing loss is the third highest disabling condition after arthritis and hypertension.

Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, we help low-income people with hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency through the provision of affordable hearing aids and audiology services. One in every ten people in our state suffers from hearing loss, which can only be treated with amplification, and without financial help, many people in Michigan cannot afford hearing aids.

Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, we help uninsured and underinsured people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Our service agreements and partnerships with ophthalmology groups and medical service providers throughout Michigan ensure that program resources are used efficiently and effectively and that clients receive exceptional care at affordable costs. Funding is determined based on the overall financial and medical needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Military Family and Veterans Relief Program, we help current and former military members and their families with financial emergencies. Funding is determined through an application process, and it is based on the financial needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help people and families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados. Funding is determined by the number of individuals and families affected by the disaster and the overall amount of losses incurred.

Through Donor Advised Funds, we partner with individuals, families, businesses and other non-profit organizations to provide charitable services that are important to the fund's primary donor or donors. Our status as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity allows us to create Donor Advised Funds that others can operate like their own family, private or corporate foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible; and we are responsible for sending receipts to the donors, disbursing funds at the donor's request, and reporting information to the IRS and other government agencies. Tax attorneys and accountants are not needed, donors simply contribute to the fund and decide what grants to make.

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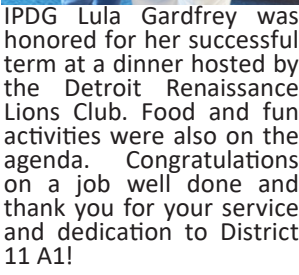
Members of District 11 A1 Make their Mark!



Kid's Coalition Against Hunger: 85 Lions, guests and community members gathered recently to package up 24,500 meals for distribution to soup kitchens throughout the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area. This was the third time the district has partnered with KCAH and to date, 75,000 meals have been provided to help combat food insecurity in many communities within the district.



IPDG Lula Gardfrey was honored for her successful term at a dinner hosted by the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club. Food and fun activities were also on the agenda. Congratulations on a job well done and thank you for your service and dedication to District 11 A1!



Bedford Lions' Den resale shop sales support community projects: Lion Laurie Althaus, Bedford Lion's Club president, said the resale shop has been around for four decades and operates based on donations. In addition to supporting many local non-profits, sales from the Bedford Lions' Den help to fund 20 student scholarships for local students.



Lions Michelle White and Dr. Regina Hall host a TV show to highlight area agencies and happenings along with sending positive messages to the Detroit area. Find them on WJZZ Cool TV.



DG La Wanna Lofton-Coleman catches up with PIP Douglas Alexander in Australia. PIP Alexander will join members and guests of District 11 A1 at the 2025 District Convention to be held in Detroit April 18-19 at the Hollywood Casino.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club members deliver over 4,000 meals with a smile. Livonia High Nooners recently inducted 3 new members at their 71st Installation Ceremony. Vice-President, Lion Cathie Weidenbech was presented the "Lion of the Year," and Lion Kathleen Collins received the "Heart of a Lion" award. We were joined by the Garden City Lions Club, who also inducted 3 new members, shared good food, and made new memories. We serve, and we have fun! Please consider joining us as we continue to grow and to serve our communities in Livonia and Redford.



Bedford Township Lions celebrated incoming President Laurie Althaus with a beautiful installation banquet at Angelo's Northwood Villa. The club looks forward to President Laurie's leadership. 20 students were Scholarship recipients of the Bedford Lions Club 2024 Scholarship, in the amount of \$3,000 each student. Congratulations to all!

District 11 A1 Lions held their 5th Annual Furniture Giveaway event at Maiden House Ministry in Highland Park MI.



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St. Clair Shores Lions Club installed an eyeglass and hearing aid drop box, making public donations a bit easier. St. Clair Shores Lions Club presented a drop box to the community for hearing aids and eyeglass collection. A presentation of the former mail box was made to City Council. The club purchased it from the U.S. Postal Service. The council expressed appreciation to the St. Clair Shores Lions Club, stating this is the beginning of a great partnership between the city and Lions. "I love the fact that this will be just so much more visible for the community," Rusie said. "Nice bright yellow, and it will stay in people's minds." Councilman Ron Frederick thanked Bellestri for his work. This is, I think, the beginning of something really great and a good partnership between the city and the Lions Club," Frederick said.



MACOMB BLIND BOWLERS 2023-2024 Roger Sonnenfeld, Jim Kazmer, Selfridge Lion Jill Smith, Penny Benichich and Debbie Luck. Congratulations to the Selfridge Lions Team who came in First place. We will start our 53rd Season on Wednesday September 4, 2024.

Join Lions of District 11 A2 for Club Officer Training on Saturday, August 17 at Leader Dogs for the Blind Polk Residence Hall. Meetings begin promptly at 9:00 am.



Rochester Lions Club Raises Money for Leader Dogs-Lions Kathy & Lowell Gladd of the Rochester Lions Club participated in the annual Bark & Brew fundraiser which benefits the Leader Dog for the Blind organization. Lion Lowell walked in the 5K run/walk and Lion Kathy helped run games for the children.



IPDG Kelley Unruh relaxes as the Jimmy Johns baseball fundraiser to benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp. IPDG Kelley's appreciation dinner will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren and hosted by the Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club. Save the date for Sunday, October 6 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. s_10961@yahoo.com to register.



New Baltimore Lions Club is always on the move, thanks to their portable entertainment stage. It was recently in New Baltimore to celebrate the 2-year Anniversary of MindRight A variety of great entertainment and a couple of awesome food trucks were also present. MindRight is a generous sponsor and several people from the organization are also members.



Side view of the state promoting New Baltimore Lions and our service pillars.



New Baltimore Lions Fiesta Float featuring their awesome Float Team!! Congratulations to New Baltimore Lions, winners of the "Lorraine Cataldi" Award. Best float for this year's Fiesta.



Chesterfield Lions Club recently presented Lion Ruth Ann Hoard with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. She's truly deserving.



Eastpointe Lions Club proudly displays their new banner depicting DG Rhonda Furby's home club.

> REGION NEWS

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DG Annette Hemeryck presented 50-year plaques to the club presidents on a special night of celebration.

Battle Creek Host Lions Club hit the 100th Centennial Anniversary this past April. They celebrated this milestone at the Battle Creek Regional History Museum.

North Adams Lions Club, along with the Pittsford Area Lions Club reached the 50-year mark on 3 April 2024 and 24 April 2024, respectively. They held a joint celebration on Monday, 3 June 2024 at Ginolfi's Restaurant, where PID Esther LaMothe presented 50-year Lions Anniversary letters from Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to North Adams President Brian Dubois and Pittsford Area President Bonnie Shaffer. Council Chair Terri Huffman shared her memories of the two clubs. IPDG Annette Hemeryck presented 50-year plaques to the club presidents. Lion Barbara McNutt provided North Adams history, with Pittsford Area charter member Lion George Clark sharing his memories of events through the years. Other dignitaries attending was PCC Dave Hill, CS Nancy Hill and ZC Anita Hoyt. Everyone thanked Pittsford Area President-elect Beth Caswell for organizing and decorating the restaurant for this memorable joint-club event.



Lions Brian Dubois and Bonnie Shaffer were given letters by PID Esther LaMothe from LCI President Dr. Patti Hill.



The 2023-2024 "Stretch Your Spirit" Banner of DG Annette Hemeryck was displayed at the convention.



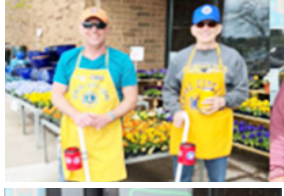
DG Hemeryck honored our veterans in attendance with a commemorative Certificate of Appreciation.



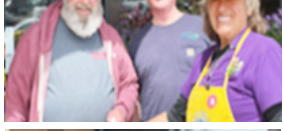
The Honor Guard posted the colors, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.



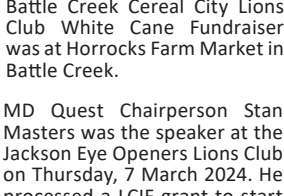
Members of the B1 Cabinet



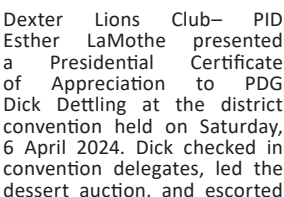
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club White Cane Fundraiser was at Horrocks Farm Market in Battle Creek.



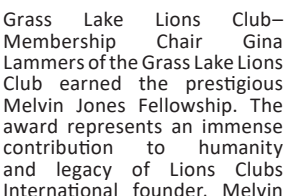
MD Quest Chairperson Stan Masters was the speaker at the Jackson Eye Openers Lions Club on Thursday, 7 March 2024. He processed a LCIF grant to start Quest programs at two Lenawee County school districts. Quest is a Lions International Social and Emotional Learning Program for students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Lion Masters was presented the William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship by DG Hemeryck at the district convention.



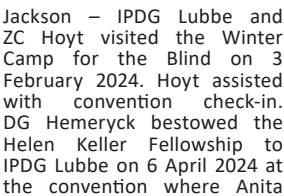
Dexter Lions Club- PID Esther LaMothe presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Dick Dettling at the district convention held on Saturday, 6 April 2024. Dick checked in convention delegates, led the dessert auction, and escorted guest speaker ID Marie Cuning and PCC Rosemarie Gabriel from Phoenix, Arizona. Pam Smaby visited on Thursday, 23 May 2024, to discuss Leader Dog breeding and brought mother Silvie. She collaborates with Leader Dogs for the Blind to host breeding moms.



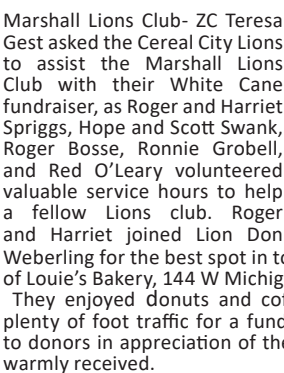
Grass Lake Lions Club- Membership Chair Gina Lammers of the Grass Lake Lions Club earned the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. The award represents an immense contribution to humanity and legacy of Lions Clubs International founder, Melvin Jones. Lion Lammers received a plaque, commemorative lapel pin and a congratulatory letter.



BCC Lions participated in Highway clean up and attended the MD 11 Convention in Grand Rapids.



Jackson - IPDG Lubbe and ZC Hoyt visited the Winter Camp for the Blind on 3 February 2024. Hoyt assisted with convention check-in. DG Hemeryck bestowed the Helen Keller Fellowship to IPDG Lubbe on 6 April 2024 at the convention where Anita took home a dessert. ZC Hoyt volunteered at the North Adams Williams Park service project on 20 April 2024. She was one of the dignitaries for the 50-year club celebrations held on 3 June 2024.

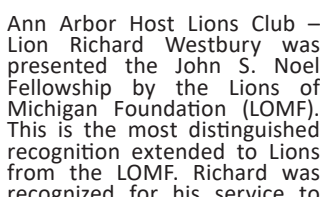


Marshall Lions Club- ZC Teresa Gest asked the Cereal City Lions to assist the Marshall Lions Club with their White Cane fundraiser, as Roger and Harriet Spriggs, Hope and Scott Swank, Roger Bosse, Ronnie Grobell, and Red O'Leary volunteered valuable service hours to help a fellow Lions club. Roger and Harriet joined Lion Don Weberling for the best spot in town. They had a prime spot just outside of Louie's Bakery, 144 W Michigan Ave., Marshall, Michigan. They enjoyed donuts and coffee afterwards. Louie's Bakery enjoys plenty of foot traffic for a fundraiser. Marshall Lions give Lions Mints to donors in appreciation of their generosity that is heartily given and warmly received.



John S. Noel Fellow Richard Westbury and DG Hemeryck.

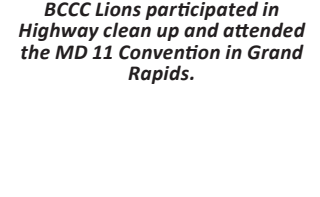
Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club President Cathy Koning was unable to attend the district convention where DG Annette Hemeryck announced several awards for her to include a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and the William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship. Lion Koning is a past zone chairperson for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 service years, with extraordinary service as the district newsletter editor from 2021-2024.



Ann Arbor Host Lions Club - Lion Richard Westbury was presented the John S. Noel Fellowship by the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LOMF). This is the most distinguished recognition extended to Lions from the LOMF. Richard was recognized for his service to the Lions and to those in need. Lion Westbury had the winning bid for an outstanding Lion art project completed by 1VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals. The Club recently donated 100 Scholastic books to the Family Learning Institute (FLI), Ann Arbor. This organization is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to providing low-income students with free tutoring services so that they can catch up to their reading level for grades two through five in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw County. The FLI is one of the service year benchmark projects annually for members of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club.



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B2 Members attend the MD 11 Lions Convention in Grand Rapids



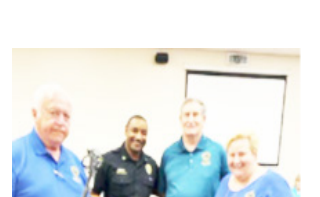
Prom Fun at the Lions Convention!



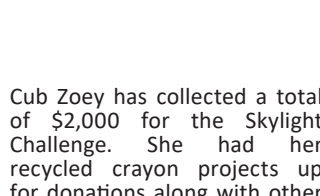
DGE Cory Knuth with PDG Karol and Lion Dan Chopp on Prom Night



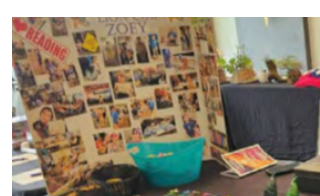
Portage Lions Club applied for and received an International Lions grant for \$10,000 and a \$10,000 grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Clean up is a continuous effort on the part of many Lions and volunteers



Cub Zoey has collected a total of \$2,000 for the Skylight Challenge. She had her recycled crayon projects up for donations along with other items she made at District and State Convention. She even spoke at the Council of Governors Meeting. She got a special Donation from the Council Chair John Daoud because he just can't seem to hold on to his Bell. She will continue her fundraising efforts as a South Haven Lion Cub supporting other service projects in our District.



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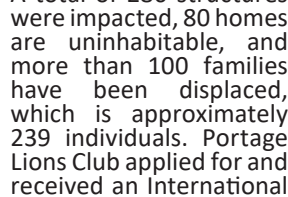
Participating in the group service project, packaging 10,000 soup starter for Kid's Coalition Against Hunger



Vicksburg Lions Club invited Project KidSight Coordinators Tanda and David Stiffler to come to their meeting recently, and the Vicksburg Club voted to purchase Project KidSight a "new SPOT camera!" Thank you for your generous support! The PKS Teams have done amazing work at the schools. Our final tally is 22,308 screened



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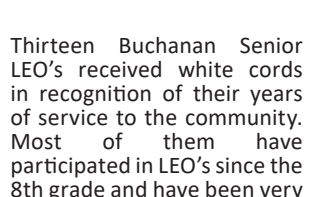
2024 recipients of Edwardsburg Herbert L. Stiffler \$500 Scholarships



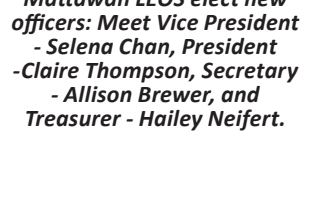
The Edwardsburg Lions Club participated White Cane sales and had a float in the Annual Memorial Day Parade again this year. Always fun and this year our float even made it on the 6:00 news!



St. Joseph Lions Club Commemorated the Memorial Day holiday by placing flags onto the graves of over 250 veterans in River View Cemetery on Thursday May 16th. This annual event was attended by over 30 Lions and many of their spouses as well. Flags will remain on the graves through Labor Day at which time our local Boy Scouts assist in removing them for the winter months. The group photo was taken by the gravesite of veteran and Lion Jimmy Lee Butt and gathering here is an annual tradition after the flags are all in place.



Thirteen Buchanan Senior LEO's received white cords in recognition of their years of service to the community. Most of them have participated in LEO's since the 8th grade and have been very active in serving.



Mattawan LEOS elect new officers: Meet Vice President - Selena Chan, President - Claire Thompson, Secretary - Allison Brewer, and Treasurer - Hailey Neifert.

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The Allegan Lions have been busy volunteering with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project, Plainwell Chapter.

On June 8th they helped with the build of the beds and then on July 13th were able to help deliver some of the finished beds. Nine children were thrilled to have received a bed of their very own!

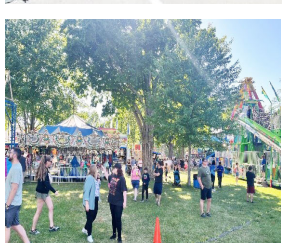


Wyoming Lions Club volunteer Carl Hohendorf, Treasurer Sue Hohendorf and PDG Bob Hohendorf installing a Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed to a 12 year old young boy. It was 1 of 3 beds that day, bringing the club total to over 50 beds installed this year.

The picture shows the 3 Lions volunteers in a blue room with blue "starry" curtains, A SHP bed with Blue "planetary" comforter and a bright multicolored "alphabet teaching" carpet.



1st Vice District Governor Earl Howell spent 6-hours to help build 40-beds for kids that sleep on the floor. Drilled 20-holes per bed. Way to serve!



May 22nd to 27th the Fruitport Lions hosted their annual "Old Fashioned Days". This is one of their biggest events spanning over 6 days. Including Carnival, Craft Show, Car Show, Kids Activities, Live Music, Ox Roast, Horseshoe and Cornhole tournaments, Memorial Day Parade and Fireworks. Project Kidsight was also their providing screenings on Saturday May 25th.

The Fruitport Lioness Club presented \$1,000 scholarships to Aria Ogden and Robert Canfield III at the Awards Ceremony at Fruitport High School. King & Queen of Fruitport's Old Fashion Days for 2024 were Paul and Linda Schultz. They were honored in the Old Fashion Days parade on Memorial Day. In addition, the Lioness Club served 200 Fruitport senior citizens for the Senior Dinner during Old Fashion Days. It was a busy May.



Grand Rapids Lions Club member, PID Gary Anderson, will participate in the Mackinac Island Swim, a challenging, 8.2 mile course, circling the island in the Straights

Muskegon Northside Lions Club is once again selling their highly sought-after raffle calendar. The \$20 price of a ticket – unchanged in 18 years. This raffle provided needed funding for programs supported by the club.

Lyons-Muir Lions Club hosted a KidSight Vision Screening during the S.H.O.E.S back-to-school event that was held at DeVos Place, in downtown Grand Rapids. Lion Karen Erskine is new to the club and volunteered to participate. Her experience was so enjoyable that it made time fly by while screening 90 kids and she looks forward to getting involved in the next event.



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Aubrie Roth and Lion Jeff Fisher - Vermontville Lion Jeff Fisher congratulates Maple Valley student Aubrie Roth, their Vermontville Lions March Student of the Month



The Mason Lions Club welcomed their newest member at their March 13, 2024 meeting. Lion Mike Kollin was inducted by PDG Lion Lorraine Sparks with the support of sponsor Lion Rod Hunt.



Lions Darryl and Brandy Urquhart received their information packets and were officially welcomed into the club.



Eaton Rapids Lions Collected Ramen Noodles and Pasta for the local Hearts and Hands Food pantry at their April 20th meeting. Eaton Rapids Lions learn about the Lions Eyeglass Recycling project and expanded their collection to almost 20 locations at their March 6th meeting.



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Lion George Walter introduced Lion Jeff Routson from the Mason Lions Club and Braille Transcribing Board member. Lion Jeff told the den of the history of Braille started by a 17 year old French boy Louis Braille, who was blinded at the age of three, invented the system in 1824 while a student. He covered the development progression and how it started in the Michigan prison system in Jackson thanks to a member of the Lansing Host Lions Club. There are currently 40 men and 15 women in two prisons that make braille materials used worldwide.



PDG Tracy Temple stands next to a storage shed the Durand Lions recently acquired for the Durand Senior Center to use for their recycling efforts.



Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Winner: Our Star Lioness Lion Kay Olson with DG Ted Hamilton.



The Owosso Lions Club celebrated 5 years in March!



DG Ted Hamilton, new Elsie Lions Member Lion John Shipley and Elsie Lions President Lion Rick Jones. Presenting Lion John his new membership.



Grand Ledge High School student Aadhitya Sudhakar was honored at the October 24 meeting of the Grand Ledge Lions Club. Aadhitya was selected to be the Club's Student of the Month for October 2023.



The Celebration of Service Committee was hard at work preparing for the March 8-9 convention in Owosso. Friday night was the Service Project for Safe Center, a refuge for folks in abused relationships. We stuffed over 50 bags with clothing and necessities, delivered a pickup truck load of diapers, and handed a check for over \$800 to Safe Center representatives. I.D. Lee Vrieze and wife Lion Mary from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, were our guests and speaker.

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Buena Vista Lions For the month of June celebrated Lion Eric Gordon's achievement in Education and appointment as principal of the new Saginaw United High School. Our club also recognized Juneteenth, and Lion Frazier participated in events promoting health awareness at Second Baptist Church in Bay City, and the men's annual health fair in Saginaw.



Flushing Lions Club held KidSight screenings at the Chamber Summer Fest. 27 children were screened within a 2-hour time span.

Fenton Lions Club held another KidSight event at the Fenton Farmers Market where they hold family night once a month. Another event is scheduled for July using the KidSight trailer. The club will keep busy at the Fenton Art Walk selling ice cream. We are excited about this event as it gives us the opportunity to educate people on how the Lions Club helps our community.



Frankenthuth Lions Club celebrated Lion Dave Wigley to commemorate his 99th birthday! Lion Dave (first row, center) served in the U.S Navy during World War II and has been a member of the Frankenthuth Lions Club for more than 43 years.

Flushing Lions We have recruited several new members who are all puppy raisers for Leader Dog. We also have a crafters' group in the club, all who went to the Bear Lake Camp and helped clean the facilities. As part of that team was Lion Peggy Yats, the Districts' George E. Daley Award winner. She had no trouble helping, although blind since birth. She also sings in her Church Choir and plays the piano. She has been on our Board of Directors since first joining the Club.



Goodrich Lions Club's newly elected officers were installed by DG Jonathan VanTol for the 2024-25 fiscal year at their recent dinner/business meeting.
Lions Treasurer, Glenn Sturm, 3 yr. Director Mike Butcher, Secretary & 1st Vice President Ben Eles, President Deborah Lakies, DGE Jonathan VanTol, Den Administrator & Membership Chair Dave Jones, 2 yr. Director Jim Howard.



The Puppy Raisers have been giving presentations in Davison, and at many of the Flushing Elementary Schools as well as the School Districts' Early Children's Learning Center. Other school systems have also been involved with learning about Puppy Raisers and Graduate Leader Dogs as well.



Mayville Lions Newly elected 2nd Vice Gov Lion Tobias Webber attended the Mayville Lions June cookout. He is pictured with the new incoming officers whom he inducted. The Mayville club was right out working the very next day sponsoring and serving a meal through the HDC program Spoonfuls of Plenty.



Shields Lions Club members assist in screening a VIP at the recent KidSight screening.

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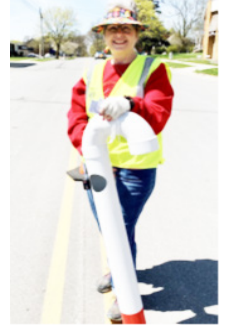
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Almont Lions recently presented all 5th Grade Students in the Almont and Dryden Schools a copy of the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence. The booklets were obtained from the "Liberty Lives Forever" organization. They also recently presented Certificates of Appreciation to all students in Almont Middle School and Dryden Jr. High School who participated in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster contest. The winner in each school was presented with an Achievement Award certificate and a \$100.00 check.



Memphis Lions Club teamed up with the Memphis City Chamber of Commerce to host their annual car show. This year and from now on it will be at the Memphis Lion's field. There was a large turnout for this event Lions and Leos made sure that everyone was cared for. Hope to see more cars next year.



Deckerville Lions were on the main corner of town on both a Friday and Saturday with the white canes for a successful drive.



Memphis Lions Club - Prison Pup Raider is in the house for the next phase of his journey! He left the CF with lots of love, hugs and well wishes. We wanted to let you know that Raider has started Foundations training! The canine care team that has been working with Raider has some comments to pass along. Making friends in his free time is a favorite thing, along with exploring, getting rump scratches, giving kisses.



Croswell Lions Club has had a very active few weeks. Carly Golda was presented with the Croswell Lions Presidential award along with a check for \$200 toward her trip to Europe for the Blue Lake International Band recital. Scholarships were presented to very deserving students on behalf of the club. Chloe Knofski received a \$500 scholarship, Madison O'Connor, \$500 scholarship, and Makayl Blashill also received a \$500 scholarship from the Croswell Lions Club.



Lions Club of Marysville, Michigan had a great week. Our annual White Cane fundraiser, 4th grade Bike Rodeo, and participating in the Marysville Memorial Day Parade. Members making an impact!

Emmett Lions Club will be celebrating our 75th year as a Lions Club on Saturday June 22nd. Our celebration will be held at the O.L.M.C. Church Hall in Emmett, with dinner. There will be an open bar and a DJ for your entertainment. Memphis Lions was the sponsor 75 years ago.



Deckerville Lions Club member with bags of Fortified Rice Soy Casserole which were prepared as the service project at the spring District 11-D2 convention in Port Huron. Deckerville Lions will distribute the food item to the local community through the Deckerville Project Blessing Food Bank.



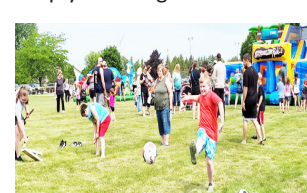
Elktion Lions Kids Day was a ROARING success. Over 350 kids along with their families packed Ackerman Park for a day of family fun. Water slides, inflatables, a foam party, kites, games, meet our Heros, make-n take first aid kits, Polka the Clown and funky hair tinsel were among the day's attractions. We served close to 500 hot dogs & Sno Cones. Michigan Lions Oversight program screened over 35 kids and referred 7 on for further eyesight testing. This event was free to all, Simply Amazing!



Memphis Lions Club added eighteen new LEO members. This Leo Club is currently the only Leo Club in the district. They are very instrumental in aiding with service events. They help with the Liberty books and arbor day trees. They take care of the senior day dinners. This is the longest running Leo Club in District 11 D-2 history.



PDG Jack Kriete presented Jonah Trigger and Alyssa Barnhart \$1000 scholarships



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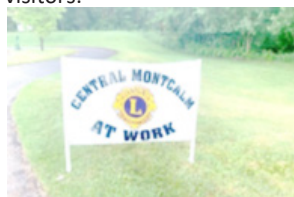


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New Club Officer Training held on June 22 at the Isabella County Commission on Aging in Mount Pleasant area. Standing from left to right are: PDG Sheryl Schafer, PCC Jeff Schafer (GLT), and DG Jim Patterson. Picture taken by Lion Ann Roesler (Coleman Lions Club).

In June, 14 members of the Arcadia Lions participated in our twice-yearly road cleanup through Adopt A Highway. In addition, the club hosted a Pancake Breakfast for Fathers' Day Sunday and then again for the Sunday of 4th of July weekend which were both well attended. The club hosts the town's annual Arcadia Daze Festival July 26th-28th, so we've been quite busy building a new float for the parade, building a new stage for the Finch Park Pavilion and getting ready to host several thousand visitors.



The Central Montcalm Lions wrapped up their 2023-24 fiscal year with their 2024 Golf Outing at Glenkerry Golf course in Greenville, MI. This event is our number one fundraiser and covers about 95% of our yearly budget. This year's event did not disappoint as we had the most teams we have ever had and surpassed our goal for \$\$\$ that we had set. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all. We look forward to another successful year in 2024-25.



During the June 17 Coleman Lions Club meeting we had the honor of having PDG Pete Conarty (Midland Lions) conduct our New Club Officer Induction Ceremony for 2024-2025.

Pictured from left to right are Chuck Dinsmore (Lion Tamer), Billie Jo Parker (Director), Amy Hovey (1st VP), Pam Render (Treasurer), PDG Al Roesler (President), Ann Roesler (Current President), PDG Pete Conarty. Missing from the photo and the induction ceremony are PCC Jeff Schafer (Secretary), PDG Sheryl Schafer (Tail Twister), and Jason Perkins (Director). We would like to give a BIG Thank You to PDG Pete for conducting the ceremony.



Four members of the Coleman Lions KidSight team screened 101 kids in the KidSight trailer on Kid's Day at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds. Greenville Lion Larry Alman helped attract children with his special furry Lion hat! Six of the children screened were referred to their eye doctor for a full exam. One family requested help with glasses and Lion Larry explained which office his club works with. The family had two children needing exams, so they were especially happy for the help.



Greenville Lions spent the week cooking and serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at the fair! We visited the booth for a delicious meal before heading back home.



Empire Lions club held their annual charter dinner and installed their new officers for 2024-2025 pictured below L-R, Bill Banish, Bill Freeman, Dianne Hammersmith, Doug Slessman, and Tom Pykosz



Co-Empire Lions of the Year were Linda and Bob Chase for their outstanding Lions and community work. Empire Lion Dave Taghon received a gavel from Frank Mancuso for being the auctioneer at the annual Empire Lions Annual Auction for the last 40 years.

Hart Lions recently collected donations for White Cane Day 2024. Members were located at Hansen's in Hart and Walmart in Ludington. Lions participated in an area clean up and Lion Cathy and Lion Bruce had an awesome time sprucing up the town and made a little money out of it! Traverse City Lions Club co-sponsored a Kids Sight vision screening with the Traverse City District Library on April 27. Twenty-two children were screened. Parents of four children were advised their child may have a vision problem that required additional testing at their family eye doctor.

Lake Ann Lions Club held another a well-attended 4th of July Pancake Breakfast and has been very busy installing new members into the club. Learn more about their success in the upcoming Lion Pride!

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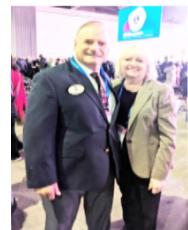
The Alpena Lions Club held a social dinner event on June 4th at the Tractor Club. New Lions Jodi Hutton and Griffin James were inducted into the Alpena Lions Club at this event. The duo were warmly welcomed by the Lions in attendance and will be a valuable addition to the club.

BV Lions deposited \$2,100 from field days. The cost of goods is still being calculated – approximately \$500. (info from June 12 meeting)

The Boyne Valley Lions Club inducted their new officers last evening (June 26) at the Pavilion. The induction service was conducted by District First VP Lion Marie Leathers and Past District Governor Rod Leathers. Definitely a strong leadership team. We serve!



Back in May, the Central Lake Lions Club held a bowling fundraiser at the Bellaire Lanes. The proceeds went to the Cowell Cancer Center to help fund art therapy for the kids undergoing treatment. Lion Rebecca James had the pleasure of presenting a check two weeks ago (June 25) for the funds raised (\$1,570). So grateful for all the help and the bowlers who made this event possible.



East Jordan DGE Dennis Gocha inducted officers in the East Jordan Lions Club meeting. DGE Dennis Gocha was sworn in as Michigan's District 11-E2 governor in Melbourne Australia at the 106th International Lions Convention.

He's pictured with his wife, Linda.



Mackinaw City Lions Club's 2024 Board of Directors: Mike Smydra, Bill Alexander, Dave Wallis, Genny Brew, Les Jackson, Laura Jackson, Bob Desy, and Chuck Brew



Rose City's "Evening of Giving" was on 6/13. They gave out over \$10,000 of donations to both local projects and to Lion projects.



PDG Barb Durlinger receives an award from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Hillman Lions Club is small, but mighty, distributing approximately 10,000 pounds of food twice a month to those in need in the area via their mobile food pantry. The club of 14 members is extremely active in the community and helps with scholarships, prescription eyewear, and medical expenses. Hillman Lions has been an amazing partner and recently received a grant from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for garage door improvements and a freezer to store food items for distribution.



Wednesday John Novak, Tony Priebe and Bob Drogosh met at the lumberyard at 8am loaded up the materials and left for the job. We built a 4x4 platform with an angle and a ramp approximately 23ft long with handrails. Scott Bucich and a friend Tim showed up at 10am and helped for 2 hours. It was one of those ramps that a lot of digging was involved. So, everyone got to use a shovel today. The homeowner is going through cancer treatments and has had multiple falls recently. So the ramp will be very helpful. She was very happy when we left.

Picture – Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosh, Homeowner, John Novak

DG Murch and CST Durlinger received checks for the District, LCIF, Lions of Michigan Foundation and Eversight.





Congratulations on a great year to the outgoing District Governors!

Thank you for your dedication and leadership during the 2023-2024 year. Your service to your community is inspiring.

A-1: Lula Gardfrey

C-1: Michael O'Lonergan

E-1: Jim Patterson

A-2: Kelley Unruh

C-2: Ted Hamilton

E-2: Steven Murch

B-1: Annette Hemeryck

D-1: William Bauder

SD-10: Dan Perkins

B-2: Amy Thackston

D-2: James White

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