



January 2026

# Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

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## From the desk of the Governor



### 2025-2026 District Officers

Governor: Lion Aleta Cozart

1st Vice Gov.: Lion Kenny Kinsey

2nd Vice Gov.: Lion Chuck Vasilion

Secretary: Lion Denise Temple

Treasurer: Lion Robert Phillips

IPDG: Lion Carl Cozart

### 2025-2026 Zone Chairs

R1-Z1: Lion David Grimes

R1-Z2: Lion Carl Cozart

R2-Z1: Lion Blaine Lafler

R2-Z2: Lion Curtis Sonnenberg

R3-Z1: Lion Mark Jorgensen

R3-Z2: Lion Eileen Delaney

R4-Z1: Lion Chrissy Andre



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### HAPPY NEW YEAR -- A TIME OF REFLECTION!

Amazing what the new year brings to some people's minds! Thoughts of changing something -- whether it be in their health, finances, or even just to learn a new craft. I have been trying lately to look at the coming of a new year with hope of what I want to get accomplished, not so much as to change things. This year especially, I feel like I have so much more to get done before my term is up in June. Here are just a few highlights of the things that are at the top of my list:

- There is still time to get your club entered in the chance to give away a Melvin Jones Fellowship. For just \$100 your club will be entered into the drawing. If your club is the lucky recipient, they choose who is honored with the award. We will need to draw the winner at the January cabinet meeting so there is time to get the award ordered, in case the winning club wants to give out the award at the Celebration of Service in March. We also have a \$10 membership chance to give away a Melvin Jones Fellowship. That contest does not have to be drawn in January, if it is not ready.
- I still have many clubs to visit. I will be calling and emailing presidents and secretaries during these next few weeks to get those visits scheduled.
- PDG Lion Brent Beracy needs our help in getting a new club started in the Lansing area.
- Support International Hunger Week January 3-11. Have your club sponsor a program related to a Hunger program during that week, and it needs to be reported that week on the Lions Portal, to count towards that service.

Hopefully, we will see a lot of new faces at the District Cabinet meeting in January. Committee chairpersons send your written reports to the District Secretary Lion Denise Temple at tsjellyboo@aol.com, so we can spend more time working ideas on growing our membership and our service. I really appreciate each one of you.



### Contents:

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- Upcoming Lions Events and Programs
- Podcasting for Lions
- March Celebration of Service in Owosso26
- Kalamazoo Forum Info
- Bear Lake Camp Ice Plunge in February

### Places of Interest:

[Lion PRIDE State Magazine](#)

[District Web Site](#)

[Past District Newsletters](#)

[Lions of Michigan Foundation](#)

[Lions of Michigan](#)

[Lions Clubs International](#)

[Lions of Michigan YouTube Channel](#)

### Bit of Wisdom



Being a Lion is about leading  
by example, building  
relationships and improving  
the world through kindness.

# District 11-C2 Cabinet Meetings

NOTE: Please be sure to RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Lion Denise Temple at [tsjellyboo@aol.com](mailto:tsjellyboo@aol.com) for all upcoming cabinet meetings:

- January 17, 2026 9:00am District Cabinet Meeting at Perry VFW
- March 13 and 14, 2026 Celebration of Service / District Business Meeting
- April 24, 2026 5:00pm District Cabinet Meeting at Dutch Hollow, Durand



## Bath Township Lions Club

Instead of gift exchange, the club collected food for the community pantry. Here's a note of thanks from Kaci Hartsuff:

"I want to give a huge thank you to the [Bath Township Lions](#) Club. Their continued donations help to ensure that the tiny pantry has food available to everyone in need."



Around the  
District





### Elsie Lions Club

Monday December 12, 2025, was an evening of celebration for the Elsie Lions Club. Members and guests gathered for a special dinner commemorating 85 years of dedicated community service. During the program Club President Richard Easlick, Master of Ceremonies, introduced several Lions Club Dignitaries attending this special event, including 11-C2 District Governor Lion Aleta Cozart, Past District Governor Lion Brent Beracy, First Vice District Governor Lion Kenny Kinsey, Zone Chairman Lion Blaine Lafler and Ovid-Elsie Lioness Branch Club President Raelene Easlick. Local municipal and school officials were also present: Jason and Jennifer Freman, Elsie Village President; Mark Horak, Superintendent of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools; Sue Horak, OE Student Service Secretary; Bruce Levey, Duplain Township Supervisor; and Dawn Levey, Duplain Township Clerk. Also, a very Jolly Visitor, SANTA CLAUS himself!

Guest speaker of the night was District Governor Aleta Cozart, complimenting the Elsie Lions Club on reaching this milestone and continuing the services of Lionism in our community. Club President Lion Richard Easlick shared highlights from the organization's long history, recalling the many community members whose service helped shape the Club's legacy. Lion Easlick commented when Elsie Lions Club was chartered in 1940 they had 37 charter members, today they have 33 members. Lion Dr. Robert Peterson, past Treasurer, gave a synopsis of the last 15 years financials, including fundraisers, projects and how money is donated.

The Elsie Lions Club remains active and engaged in serving the community. Current projects and upcoming events include Red Cross/Elsie Lions Blood Drive on Jan. 5, 2026 at the Elsie United Methodist Church and the 32 Annual Wild Game Dinner, including Gun and Fish Finder Raffle, on January 12, 2026 at 6pm at the Elsie American Legion. Others are Versiti Blood Drive; White Cane Sales; tent tables and chair rentals; participating in the Elsie Dairy Festival; 50/50 at the Owosso Speedway; Elsie Hero's Park Car Show; Elsie Fall Festival and the annual Beef Raffle. The Elsie Lions Club continues to be a vibrant and committed presence in the Elsie community.

Pictured above seated L-R: Elsie Lions President Richard Easlick, PDG Lion Brent Beracy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Lion Kenny Kinsey, DG Lion Aleta Cozart, Zone Chair Lion Blaine Lafler and Lion Don Gilbert. Standing L-R: Lioness Pam Dunham, Lion Greg Snider, Lioness Sue Peterson, Lion Glenn Tucker, Lion John Shipley, Lion Rick Jones, Lion Arden Densmore, Lion Les Loyne's, Lioness Raelene Easlick, Lion Douglas Sturgis, Lion Dr. Robert Peterson, Lion Sara Fernholz, Lion Roseanne Weyersberg, Lioness Carolyn Long, Lion Dennis Long and Santa Claus (Lion Roger Weyersberg)

### Mason Lions Club

Cathi Bates of Mason Community Services accepted toy donations from the Mason Lions Club collected at the Lions Christmas Party on December 10, 2025. More toys came into the MCS office later that week!



**Around the District**



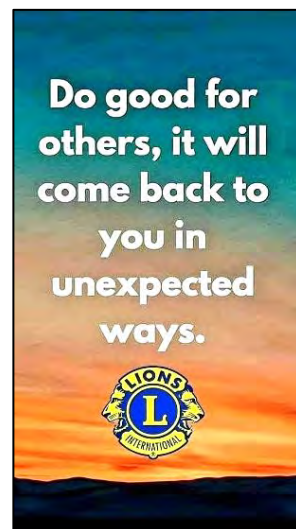
Above and Right:  
Members of the **St. Johns Lions Club** were also ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The **Eaton Rapids Lions Club** found an inside location!

Below:  
2nd Vice Governor, Charles Vasilion was ringing a bell for the Salvation Army.



Lions Clubs throughout the District did bellringing for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. The **Mason Lions Club** teamed up with the Mason Optimist Club. They reported Mason results:

“After making the final deposit from the 2025 Bell Ringing season, 28 Optimist and 8 Lion Club members rang 52 hours at 3 locations (Quality Dairy, Dollar Tree, and Darrell's Market) over 3 Friday evening-Saturday weekends to provide the Mason community the opportunity to support the Salvation Army with \$2,829.32 in cash and \$200 in individual checks plus what the clubs may supplement from club budgets. The \$3,029.32 total exceeds the 2024 effort of \$2,447.85 and is the third highest total since 2012. The Mason community has provided an estimated \$97,041.53, to date, via the bell ringing each year beginning with \$600 in 1974. The Mason Optimist Club is spreading the news and extending its appreciation to the **Mason Lions Club.**”



Around the District



### St. Johns Lions Club

When the St. Johns Lions Club heard that not all families who signed up for assistance through [Caring and Sharing Family Life Services](#) had sponsors, we stepped up to adopt a second family with one teenager at home. We purchased many of the items on the needs/wish list as well as a \$150 gift card from Kroger for groceries and a smaller gift card from Walmart for personal needs items. Another local family will have a Merry Christmas!





## Around the District



Lions Clubs International President A.P. Singh joined Lions and Leos from around the United States at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. The parade theme this year was "The Magic of Teamwork," with Michigan's own Earvin "Magic" Johnson serving as Grand Marshal.

Lions International's "In Harmony We Serve" float received the Tournament Volunteer Award for most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade Theme among floats 35 feet and under in length. Congratulations to all the Lions, Leos, other volunteers, and sponsors involved with creating this beautiful float. For more photos, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsFloat>



### Bath Township Lions Club

The Bath Twp. Lions Club assisted the Greater Lansing Chapter of the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle at Monticello's Market. Thanks to everyone who made a donation.

Special thanks to Lions Ron, Jerry, Ken, Brian and Paul for braving the cold temperatures.

### St. Johns Lions Club

Santa "Lion Dean" and Elf "Lion Gwyn" delivered a truckload of gifts on this cold day to the family the St. Johns Lions Club adopted for Christmas through [Caring and Sharing Family Life Services](#). They were some very happy recipients with big smiles who expressed their gratitude many times. The children wanted to have their picture taken with Santa and they all sang Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer to celebrate the occasion. Merry Christmas to all!







### Bath Township Lions Club

Annual Tradition Continues! For nearly 30 years the Bath Twp. Lions Club has set up the Nativity scene in the park gazebo, and they did so again just in time for their tree lighting.

Special thanks go to Lions Jerry, Ron, Eric, Richard for your assistance.



### Bancroft Lioness Lions Club

The Bancroft Cubbies visited the Durand Senior Care and Rehab Center to spread some Christmas cheer and drop off some mini Christmas trees for the residents that the Cubs and Shiawassee Leos decorated during one of their recent meetings.

## Around the District

### St. Johns Lions Club

At right: Lion Kenny Kinsey, First Vice District Governor, presented Milestone Chevron Awards to four members in December. Below: More members enjoying the December meeting.





### St. Johns Lions Club

Lion Gloria Carnicom, secretary of the St. Johns Lions Club, presented a check to Lion Traci Tribley, Executive Director of [Lions Bear Lake Camp](#), to support a project to add new steel roofs to three cabins at the camp.



Earlier this year, the Shelby Township Lions Club donated several thousand dollars to Lions Bear Lake Camp for the roof project and challenged Lions Clubs throughout Michigan to provide matching funds.



### Bretton Woods Lions Club

Governor Aleta Cozart had the pleasure of visiting Bretton Woods Lions Club to present this hard working Lion, Phil, with a 25-yr Chevron, for years of service. This was at their December 4 meeting. "Then I was able to sit next to him and learn a lot more of what this club has done in the past. Very good night!"




### Child Advocacy-Gratiot County

"Thank you Lions Club for your generous stocking donation to the agency, we appreciate you! As you can see by the photo above these stockings are filled with goodies all the way to the top for our families to enjoy!"


Around the  
District

# DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**



# ICE PLUNGE HERO




## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRACI TRIBLEY

**February 7th, 2026**  
3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

*SUPPORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRACI AS SHE  
PLUNGES AS WONDER WOMAN AT LIONS BEAR  
LAKE CAMP'S 4TH ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE.  
ACCEPTING DONATIONS/PLEDGES OF SUPPORT.*

SCAN QR CODE TO  
PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT



Send Checks to:  
Lions Bear Lake Camp  
3409 N Five Lakes Rd.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
"Traci Ice Plunge" in Memo

## Lions of Michigan District 11-C2

Our amazing fellow Lion and Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp, Traci Tribley is jumping into the freezing waters for this year's Ice Plunge. She shows up for camp every single day and now we get the chance to show up for her.

Every pledge helps campers, families, and the mission we all care about. You can pledge online here:

<https://www.bearlakecamp.org/.../events.../ice-plunge-pledge>

Prefer sending a check?

Lions Bear Lake Camp  
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd.  
Lapeer, MI 48446

While you're at it, grab your tickets to attend the Ice Plunge. Only 200 tickets are available, and they won't last long.

<https://www.bearlakecamp.org/.../events.../ice-plunge-2025>

Let's show Lion Traci that District 11 C2 stands behind her every icy step. Let's make this plunge unforgettable!

## Around the District

Lions from clubs throughout mid-Michigan gathered at the Bancroft Community Hall on December 8 to fill 100 Christmas stockings with gloves, hats, toys, personal care items, candy, and more. The stockings were delivered to local domestic violence shelters in Clinton, Eaton/Ingham, Gratiot, and Shiawassee counties. Lion Becky and Lion Jody played Santa Claus and delivered stockings to [The SafeCenter](#) in Owosso!



**MISSION 1.5**





### Grand Ledge Lions Club

The Grand Ledge Lions had an unforgettable holiday gathering. A special shout-out went to the Grand Ledge Madrigals for bringing incredible music and cheer to the celebration. "Thank you for sharing your holiday magic with us!"



### Grand Ledge Lions Club

Another huge shoutout to all the Grand Ledge Lions Club members who came out to represent the club in the annual downtown Grand Ledge Holiday Parade!

Around the District



### Laingsburg Lions Club

Laingsburg Lions Club had Governor Aleta Cozart install three new members. She also handed out chevrons for years of service. "Very active club, doing a lot of community service!"



### Durand Lions Club

The Durand Lions had another successful school vision screening, this time at Robert Kerr Elementary in Durand. They were able to screen 50 kids and found 2 kids that needed help. PDG Lloyd Kilbreath handled the camera. Lion Terry Edwards handled the paperwork, and PDG Ted Hamilton got to go around to the classrooms and "round up the anklebiters" that had parents approval.

# READ ALL ABOUT IT – ONLINE!



Please be aware that the State Magazine **Lion Pride** (paid for by part of your State dues) is always available by online access. We have phased out the publication being printed, mailed, or e-mailed. This direction is being taken due to the rising cost of printing and postage. For easy access to your full color .pdf version, please download the **Pride** online through the [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com) website.

However, our Lions of Michigan District 11-C2 still plans to continue to e-mail its monthly newsletter to all Lions in the district with a valid e-mail address.

For additions or corrections to e-mail addresses, e-mail our IT Chair at [rayrobins9998457@gmail.com](mailto:rayrobins9998457@gmail.com). "Ray Robins" <rayrobins9998457@gmail.com>, "Ray Robins" <RaymondLRobins@yahoo.com> The district newsletter is also available online at [District Newsletters](#) or <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11c2/page-6.php>.

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## UPCOMING LIONS OF MICHIGAN EVENTS

February 27-28, 2026

Lions Michigan Forum  
Kalamazoo Delta Hotel

July 3-7, 2026

LCI Convention  
Hong Kong China

May 14-16, 2026

MD11 Lions Convention  
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire

September 3 - 5, 2026

USA/Canada Forum  
Memphis, TN

Check Lions of Michigan website for updates & additional information:

[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)





**A NOTE FROM PDG TOM DOYLE, OD:**

One of the tenets of the Lions is preservation of sight. Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in this nation. Your club can help in the fight against this vision-robbing disease.

Through the Tri-County Office on Aging and MSU Extension we can provide intensive education for diabetic and prediabetic patients. Often, they may feel confused or lost by the sheer amount of information they have to consider.

The larger healthcare system cannot offer the clear and comprehensive training that Lions can now help to provide. The class is called PATH and it is a 6-week program to allow patients to better understand the ins and outs of their health care, especially as it relates to diabetes.

To help your own community members, all your club needs to do is find a suitable facility for 6 weeks of use – preferably at no charge. Then, contact me, so we can set up your club's partnership with Tri-County or MSU Extension. Your club's biggest job after that is publicizing the event in your area churches, doctors' offices, pharmacies, urgent care offices, etc.

Right now, our District 11-C2 account has some funds to pay for these types of events.

The St. Louis/Alma Lions Club completed one in their community that was an enormous success. Call me, Dr. Tom Doyle, at (517) 881-9684 if you have questions. Then, email me to arrange for a PATH class in your community at [tomdoyle1225@gmail.com](mailto:tomdoyle1225@gmail.com).

# SERVICE

2025-2026



## Hunger

January 3-11, 2026



## Environment

April 18-26, 2026

***“It’s a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.”***



**The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is presented to individuals who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others.**

**Your Lions Club can also now participate in District 11-C2’s “Melvin Jones Challenge 100.” Do it at your next meeting by contributing \$100 from your Club with a check made out to “District 11-C2,” and send it to DG Aleta Cozart, 215 N. Shiawassee Street, P.O. Box 362, Bancroft, MI 48414. (Do not send to LCIF or LMSF, please.)**

**Put your Club in the running to be selected in this special Challenge. Get your chance to be able to have the District award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to the person your Club chooses. For every ten clubs participating, the District Governor will randomly select one Club to designate a recipient for a District application.**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**





## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

### What LCIF can help you do for YOUR community

There are many categories of grants available from LCIF. Here's a summary list from their booklet, "Supporting Your Service" (LCIF646\_EN) available on the LCIF website). This is just a cursory description of the grants. There's lots more information on the LCIF website! Pour yourself a glass of your favorite beverage and settle back for a couple of hours of fascinating exploring! <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> , then click on **LCIF** at the top of the page.

**Disaster Relief: Emergency, Emergency Preparedness, and Major Catastrophe** grants.

Flooding, tornadoes, and major fires are a few examples of eligible situations.

**Childhood cancer** grants: construction and expansion of things like family homes, child-friendly areas at cancer treatment centers, transportation, education, and recreation.

**Diabetes** grants – we've been benefiting from one of these grants for several years through the efforts of PDG Dr. Tom Doyle and the Defense Against Diabetes program he has championed. Other applications include screening initiatives, follow-up care, enhancing diabetes camps, expanding existing health facilities for more patient access, and training for health personnel.

**District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG)** – clubs that donate \$5,000 and districts that donate \$10,000 in one year can get back a portion of that money for community projects. Currently a little over \$5000 is available to the district in this program.

**Lions Quest** – Program, Promotional, and Community Partnership grants to build a Quest program in your community.

**Matching grants** to fund construction and equipment costs to expand Lions projects addressing critical human and social needs.

**Vision** grants – help fight major causes of preventable and reversible blindness and provide services to those who are already blind or visually impaired.

**Leo Service Pilot** grant program – support Leos in assessing, planning, and implementing their own service projects.

Each of these grant types has its own application and implementation procedures. If you are interested in pursuing any of these, you can contact me (email below).

You may be wondering how to go about obtaining any of these grants. For starters, you can read the pamphlet "10 Tips: Applying for LCIF Grants" (LCIF639\_EN). You will note that many grants are processed at the district level, so District Governor Aleta Cozart would be part of the application process.

PDG Karen Routson  
District 11-C2 LCIF Coordinator  
[KarenRoutson@yahoo.com](mailto:KarenRoutson@yahoo.com)

## Michigan Lions –



Take advantage of an opportunity to have your Lions hear in-person about how to put more of their Lions Club service on local TV and other media to attract members. Through June 2027, our Lions of Michigan PR/Marketing Chair Doug Klein is available to speak for free at your meetings, conferences and conventions.

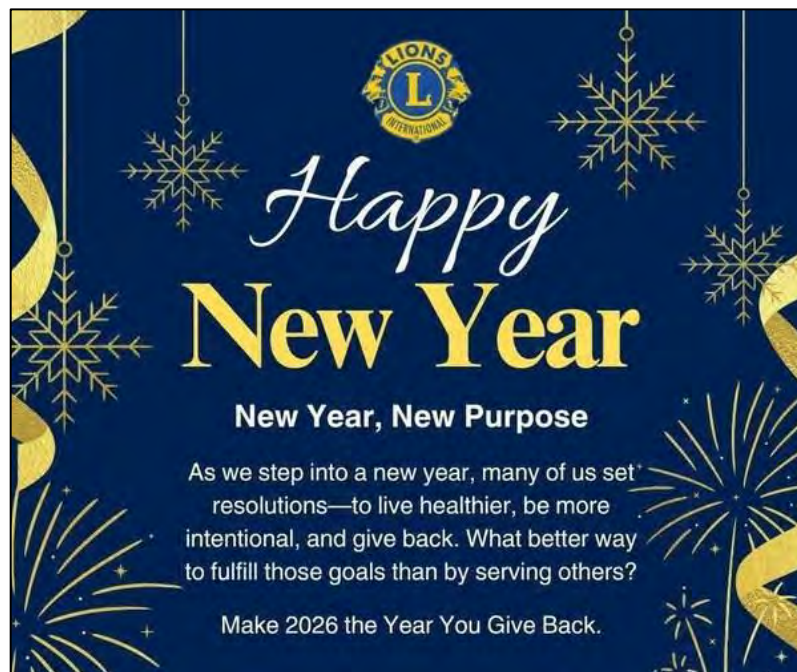
Lions will learn how to assemble and use their own publicity toolkit - a practical easy guide to crafting compelling stories about a club's service activities and effectively engaging with local news media.



<https://lfrb.gy/2djy85>



You may schedule a short talk for a club meeting, a longer breakout session, or even a two-hour workshop - for free. Just e-mail Lion Doug at [dougklein@usa.net](mailto:dougklein@usa.net) or call him at (517) 775-8601 to check current availability and to reserve.





**International President LCIF Supporter in 2025-2026**  
**Receive limited-edition International President A.P. Singh**  
**Supporter recognition for your qualifying donations to LCIF.**

[Learn More](#) ▶



**Hey Lions & Leos!** Lions of the U.S. & Affiliates has some awesome, high-impact events coming your way—built to help you & your club do even more good.

Take a peek & see what fits!

*All registrants will receive a follow up email with session recordings & materials.*



## **LET'S GROW**

Growth Workshop Series

**Starts January 6th**

Every other Week Until February 17

4 sessions total

8 pm EDT / 7 pm CDT / 6 pm MDT / 5 pm PDT

**Register @** [\*\*https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26\*\*](https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26)

### **Target Audience:**

GAT Coordinators & Team Members

Lions & Leos hungry for growth

Let's spark some serious momentum! This Workshop Series is your go-to spot to learn how to start new clubs or rebuild existing clubs. Hear what's working from others & build the confidence to make it happen. Whether you're brand new or already a pro—if you're ready to grow, this is your space. Let's make it happen, together!

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# WhatsApp

Keep The Conversation Going!

Join our WhatsApp Service Chat to share ideas, ask questions, celebrate success.  
It's free, it's secure & a great way to collaborate with other Lions & Leos from across the United States & Its Affiliates.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dv09WYxFX216vGNGr3ZZIC>

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Growth Workshop Session | Club, Supporting/Protecting

25 views · 6 months ago







# Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for **Let's Grow**, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

**BONUS:** All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

## Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

## Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



**January 6 – February 17**

*(Every Other Week)*

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST

/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s [membership@lionsusa.org](mailto:membership@lionsusa.org)



## **Lions Clubs of Michigan**

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

Re: Michigan Lions Forum

To: Prospective Exhibitor

You are invited to join us as an exhibitor during our upcoming Michigan Lions Forum, to be held at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Michigan on February 27-28, 2026. Lions and Leo Club members will gather to enjoy statewide fellowship at this event. As an exhibitor, you will have contact with up to 200 Lions and guests from around the state.

Exhibition hours are Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will be provided with a six-foot table and recommend you bring your own extension cord just in case it is needed. A limited number of outlets are available.

The exhibit fee is \$55. You also have the opportunity to purchase a full-page ad in the Michigan Lions Forum Proceedings Book and rent an exhibit table for the special price of \$85.00.

To confirm your participation at the Michigan Lions Forum, please complete the enclosed Exhibitor's Agreement/Advertising Agreement and return by February 9, 2026 to:

Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing MI 48911

We hope you can join us for this popular Lions event and look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

*Lions Julie Mayuiers and Wendy Burns*

PDG Julie Mayuiers, Chairperson  
Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions Clubs of Michigan  
Michigan Forum Committee

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
phone: 517-887-6640 • fax: 517-887-6642  
email: [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:lions@lionsofmi.com) • website: [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)



# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



**LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD!**

**February 27-28, 2026**

**Featuring Keynote Speaker Kathleen Marcath**

## **Delta Marriott Kalamazoo**

2747 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Room Reservations call 269-375-6000

CODE: LIONS MI FORUM

Cost: \$119.00 Cutoff date: 2/1/26

Alternate Hotel:

**BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO**

269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$112.00

Registration Cost: \$60.00/person

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:

**Lions of Michigan**

5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

-OR-

Register online at [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Registration Deadline: February 14, 2026**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$60.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **REGISTER EARLY**

**To help us plan, prepare materials and guarantee lunch!**

### **FRIDAY EVENTS: Registration open 6:30 pm**

- ☐ 7:00 p.m. Service Project Forget Me Not Little Heroes
- ☐ Hospitality – Mingle at Lift inside the Hotel

### **SATURDAY SESSIONS:**

7:00 a.m. Registration Delta Marriott Conference Center

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

#### **Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- ☐ Leadership Challenge
- ☐ Managing Your Club on the Web
- ☐ Officer Training; President
- ☐ LCIF / LMF

#### **Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- ☐ Building Membership through Specialty Clubs
- ☐ Cybersecurity
- ☐ Club Secretary / Service Reporting
- ☐ Leader Dog / Puppy Raisers

#### **Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- ☐ Serving Together: Partners in Service
- ☐ Flipping for Fundraisers / LCI Legal Rules
- ☐ Officer Training; Treasurer
- ☐ Elder Law & Estate Planning

#### **Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- ☐ Attracting Younger Members
- ☐ Service Carnival
- ☐ Tail Twister / Ice Breakers
- ☐ Eversight

**12:45 p.m. Luncheon, Scholarships, Keynote Address by Author Kathleen Marcath, Raffle Drawings**

## LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

**Forget Me Not Little Heroes** is an organization dedicated to supplying backpacks full of essential items to fostered, sheltered, and underprivileged children ages 3-12 years old. They have been selected as our Forum Service Project this year.

### Why Backpacks?

Most children arrive at foster homes and shelters with nothing but a garbage bag. When the organizers heard of this, they stepped up to make a change. Items are designed to fit in a backpack. It makes them feel special, keeps them organized and teaches them to care about their belongings.

### What Can You Do to Help?

We hope to fill 300 backpacks with color coordinated items inside so each child has their very own special backpack. **The cost for one backpack is \$40.00.** Our goal is to raise \$12,000.00 through district and club donations as well as grants. Each district has been asked to make a minimum \$200.00 donation toward backpacks and their contents. Each club is being asked to donate as much as they can afford as part of a club service project, enabling us to provide many more of these special items for special kids. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

Checks can be written and mailed to Three Rivers Lions Club:

Three Rivers Lions Club  
PO Box 134  
Three Rivers, MI 49093  
Attn: Forum Service Project

Contact PDG Julie Mayuiers, Michigan Lions Forum Chair, with any questions you may have. 269-254-1938



## EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

### MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2026: February 27-28

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2026 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the **Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.** (*Set up available on 2/27/26*) Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

**Exhibitor Hours: Friday, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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

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

## EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

**Exhibit Table and Full-page Ad  
in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!**

**EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00**

**Registration Deadline to guarantee booklet: February 9, 2026**

**MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:**

**LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911**

**PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)**

Name:	
Business:	Club:
Billing Address:	
(City, state, zip)	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:
Email address:	Cell Phone:
DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$	



February 27-28, 2026

Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan

## 2026 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2026 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

### ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

1.1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) .....	\$25.00
2.1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) .....	\$30.00
3.3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" .....	\$50.00
4.Full page ad 7.5 x 10" .....	\$60.00

### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table and run a full-page ad  
in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Included is a print ready ad or message

☐ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page Full page

TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for supporting Lions of Michigan! Deadline to submit: 2-9-2026***

***Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan***

***5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911***







## EARLY BIRD EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION SPECIAL!

EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION

FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 15-16, 2026

Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI

Please reserve a display table for me on: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday only (May 15, 2026) \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only (May 16, 2026) \$50.00  
SAVE \$25! \_\_\_\_\_ Friday and Saturday w/ad \$65.00  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Boxed Lunch Sat. only @ \$25.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor Hours:**

Friday 9:00 am-6:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Space is limited!***

Exhibitor Registration Early Bird Discount ends February 28, 2026.  
Regular pricing will apply on March 1, 2026.

**Mail your registration:**

Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 103



## **DISTRICT 11-C2**

### **HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

**Your loose change makes a difference to food banks supporting our community members. During Our District Cabinet meetings, we will be collecting loose change again this year. The Hunger Committee also encourages each club to collect loose change at their monthly meetings.**

**Please contact Lion Jenny Stromlund (810-923-4251) or Lion Karen Ketola (517-927-4834) with any questions you have or if you'd like to match a Cabinet Meeting Collection.**

**Thank you to all the clubs that participated last year, we raised \$800 and were able to provide those funds to two Local Food Banks in our District. Let's double that this year!!**



# *District 11-C2*

## *Celebration of Service*

**March  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Comstock Inn  
300 E Main St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
**989-725-0999**

**"District 11-C2" Discounted Room Rates: \$109**

*Deadline to Reserve Room at the discounted price is 02/13/2026 If  
requesting a handicap room please reserve early.*





## District 11-C2 Celebration of Service Registration Form

Comstock Inn 300 E Main St. Owosso, MI

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



***\*Please fill out a separate form for each Lion/Leo/Guest\****  
***Registration Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Check Each Event You Plan on Attending

☐

Friday Night Service Project/Entertainment 7:00pm

Cost per person

\$ FREE

☐

Friday Night Hospitality Room

\$FREE

☐

Saturday Continental Breakfast 9:00am

\$ FREE

☐

Saturday Memorial Service 10:00 am

\$ FREE

☐

Saturday Awards Luncheon 11:30am

\$ 25

☐

Saturday Elections/Business Meeting 1:00pm

\$ FREE

TOTAL DUE \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: Gluten Free ☐ Diabetic ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to **Lions District 11-C2**, payments can be made in advance or at the door.

Mail/Email registration and any pre-payment to

**Lion Jody Sivyver GMT, 528 E Comstock St., Owosso, MI 48867**

**517-204-8259 [jodysivyver@gmail.com](mailto:jodysivyver@gmail.com)**

### Hotel Information:

Comstock Inn  
300 E Main St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
[\(989\) 725-0999](tel:(989)725-0999)

Book your room by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and use code "LIONS CLUB" to receive the discounted rate of \$109

**Fillable Form:**

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/342/file/Registration%20Form%202026.pdf>



## 2026 Delegate Certification Form - District 11-C2

According to the District 11-C2 Constitution and By-Laws Article VII, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11 and District 11-C2 are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, as reported on your January Member Report Form. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the District 11-C2 Convention is determined as follows: To be counted, the person has to have been a Lion for one year and one day as of February 1, 2025, meaning they have to have been listed as a member by January 31, 2024. (Note - They do not have to be a member that long to be a delegate.)

When you complete your Member Report Form for January, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form and include whether each representative listed is either a "delegate" (D) or an "alternate" (A). Return this form no later than January 14, 2026 of the fiscal year to:

Lion Tracy Temple, PDG  
Credentials Committee  
5389 E. Lansing Rd  
P. O. Box 2  
Durand, MI 48414

Your representative(s) must register for the convention at the Registration Desk first and then they must sign this form AT THE CONVENTION and pick up their delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates MUST BE REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED in order to vote at the business sessions.

Total number of qualifying Lions in your club as of February 1, 2025 (see criteria above).

This section to be completed by Club Secretary D = Delegate A = Alternate	This section to be completed at Convention Certification Table
<b>Name</b> (followed by the type)    D    A	

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Lions of Michigan District 11-C2.

**Lions Club of** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Region /Zone** \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This is NOT a Convention Registration Form. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk will close at an appointed time which will be displayed at the Certification Desk. Any Lion who is not in line at that time will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote at the business session.



*District 11-C2 Celebration of Service*  
*March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026*  
*Comstock Inn, 300 E Main St. Owosso, MI*



## **Exhibitor Agreement**

*Exhibitor/Club* \_\_\_\_\_ *Contact Person* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *City* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone Number* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER EARLY! LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE.**

**Rental Fee - \$10 (make checks payable to Lions District 11-C2)**

**Table rental will include a 6-foot table. Electricity will not be provided. Exhibitors will be allowed to set-up at 8:00am on Saturday morning. Exhibitor hours will be from 9:00am-2:00pm with a break during the Memorial Service.**

**Exhibitors/clubs will be allowed to sell merchandise and hold raffles to raise money for their organization/club. To avoid confusion with the district 50/50 and raffle tickets, we ask that you bring your own printed tickets. Raffle winners may be drawn following awards/recognition of service. Event committee is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.**

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail completed application and check to:-*

*Lion Jody Sivyer GMT*  
*528 E Comstock St.*  
*Owosso, MI 48867*  
*517-204-8259*  
*jodysivyer@gmail.com*

**Fillable Form:**

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/342/file/Exhibitor%20Form%202026.pdf>



## District 11-C2 Deceased Lions Memorial Form



**Memorial Service: March 14th, 2026, 10:00am**

**Comstock Inn 300 E Main St, Owosso, MI**



**Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years of Service** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Positions Held** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**District Positions Held** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Special Awards/Military Service** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Special Memories/Stories** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Family Members Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**A Registration Form must be filled out for each person attending and received by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. Any meals family members will be attending must be paid by the club or those attending.**

**To make this more of a celebration of service, we would like to include meaningful photos of each deceased lion performing service or showcasing their interests. Please complete this form and include photos for each member who has passed away since February 2025 by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.**

Lion Traci Tribley PDG  
Celebration of Service Committee Chair  
3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446  
989-277-7437  
tracitribley@gmail.com

**Fillable Form:**

[http://e-district.org/userfiles/342/file/Deceased%20Lion%20Memorial%20Form%202026\(1\).pdf](http://e-district.org/userfiles/342/file/Deceased%20Lion%20Memorial%20Form%202026(1).pdf)

Hello All,

For the 2026 Celebration of Service on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th, we are going to do a service project for Jennifer's Place in Owosso. Jennifer's Place is a nonprofit, peer driven community center dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space where everyone can find connection, support, and belonging. They are open to anyone, including individuals and families impacted by substance use, mental health challenges, and homelessness. They offer peer support, resource connections, and activities that promote healing and hope. Guests also have access to free showers, food, hygiene items, and clothing. Their work is entirely volunteer-driven and made possible through the generosity of our community. Every donation—whether it's supplies, time, or financial support—helps them continue providing care and compassion to those who need it most. I have attached the spreadsheet of items they need. Please reach out to me by text or phone to sign up or if you have any questions. This organization sounds like an amazing place, and I would like to support them as much as we can. Thank you for all you and your clubs do!

Lion Jenny Stromlund  
810-923-4251

<b><u>Full size items needed for tote bags:</u></b>
Mens underwear Size L \$50 worth
Mens underwear Size L \$50 worth
Mens underwear Size XL \$50 worth
Mens underwear Size XL \$50 worth
Mens underwear Size 2XL \$50 worth
Mens underwear Size 2XL \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size L \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size L \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size XL \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size XL \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size 2XL \$50 worth
Womans underwear Size 2XL \$50 worth
Mens socks (25-50 pair)
Mens socks (25-50 pair)
Womans socks (25-50 pair)
Womans socks (25-50 pair)
Hair Brushes (50)
Hair Brushes (50)
Body wipes (Large shower wipes for adult) (case)
Body wipes (Large shower wipes for adult) (case)
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Rain Ponchos (heavy duty) \$50 worth
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Tarps (Large sturdy, bigger the better) \$50 worth
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Portable USB charging blocks for phones (\$25 worth)
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Portable USB charging blocks for phones (\$25 worth)
Battery or solar powered Tiny Lanterns like camping size (\$25 worth)
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Candles in jars (\$25 worth)
Candles in jars (\$25 worth)
Candles in jars (\$25 worth)
Candles in jars (\$25 worth)
Bottled water Cases (\$50 worth)
Bottled water Cases (\$50 worth)
Beef Jerky (\$25 worth)
Beef Jerky (\$25 worth)
Beef Jerky (\$25 worth)
Beef Jerky (\$25 worth)
Fairlife Protein drinks (case)
Fairlife Protein drinks (case)
Fairlife Protein drinks (case)
Fairlife Protein drinks (case)
Cliff Protein Bars (\$25 worth)
Cliff Protein Bars (\$25 worth)
Small packs or Individual Toilet paper (\$25 worth)
Small packs or Individual Toilet paper (\$25 worth)
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Camping Propane tanks (\$25 worth)
Camping Propane tanks (\$25 worth)
Camping Propane tanks (\$25 worth)
Camping Propane tanks (\$25 worth)
Mens Deodorant (25)
Mens Deodorant (25)
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# WINTER CRAFTING WEEKEND

at Lions Bear Lake Camp



**Only \$125 for the Entire Weekend!**

Includes: 3 Nights Lodging & 6 Meals

**Thursday** Dinner; **Friday** Brunch, Dinner;  
**Saturday** Brunch, Dinner; **Sunday** Brunch

**🧶 Pack your favorite crafting or quilting projects and supplies!**  
Whether you're into quilting, knitting, or any other craft, this weekend is the perfect time to indulge in your creative passions.

👉 **Join a community of fellow crafters!** Share ideas, tips, and inspiration with like-minded individuals. This weekend is not just about crafting; it's an opportunity to connect and build lasting friendships with others who share your love for creativity.

**JAN 15-18, 2026**

3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

 [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)





Lions Bear Lake Camp

# 4TH ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER Fundraiser

*FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT*  
**ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

*Dinner Includes Jumper Contests*

**Soup Bar  
Bread Bowls  
Salad Bar  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Dessert  
Cash Bar**

**Prizes for  
Best Costume  
Best Jump (no diving)  
and Most Money Raised**

## **FEBRUARY 7TH 2026**

2:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge  
followed by Dinner

**\$50 - Jump/Dinner  
\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only  
(Ages 0-5 Free, 6-12 \$10)**



**Seating limited to 200  
so get your tickets early.**



Sign up online at  
[bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)  
under the "Events" Tab

**For More Information Contact**  
**[traci@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:traci@bearlakecamp.org)**  
**[chrissy@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:chrissy@bearlakecamp.org)**  
**810-245-0726**

**\*\*Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.\*\***



# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026 2:00PM**

**3409 N. FIVE LAKES RD  
LAPEER, MI 48446**

## ICE PLUNGE REGISTRATION FEE & PLEDGES

There is a \$50 registration fee to jump. Jumpers may collect pledges to support Lions Bear Lake Camp. The Jumper that raises the most money will receive a commemorative plaque. Based on pledge amounts, Jumpers Receive:

**\$50 Registration Fee:** Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Medal

**\$100 or More:** Plunge, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

**\$250 or More:** Priority Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Beanie

**\$500 or More:** Priority Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Beanie, Hoodie

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Sponsorships support the event. Pledges are collected by participants to reach prize levels—two separate ways to make a difference.**

### Event Sponsorship Opportunities

#### Polar Legend Sponsor - \$2,500

Exclusive top placement of Sponsor's Logo on T-shirt, Recognition as Presenting Sponsor during event announcements & speaking opportunity, Recognition on Social Media, Table of 8 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 2 Ice Plunge T-shirts, Premium Sponsor Plaque

#### Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Jumpers, 4 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Ice Plunge T-shirt, Sponsor Plaque.

#### Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Complimentary Dinner Tickets, 1 Complimentary Jumper, 1 Ice Plunge T-Shirt.

#### Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, Recognition on Social Media, 2 Dinner Tickets, 1 Ice Plunge T-Shirt.

#### Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt. Recognition on Social Media.

*Donations Welcome!!!*

*Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.*

*Donors will be acknowledged throughout the event via announcements*

**Please visit the "Events" page on [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org) or send check to:**

**Lions Bear Lake Camp  
3409 N. Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446**







## ***Lions Bear Lake Camp***

*Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.*

### **Lions of Michigan – Lions Bear Lake Camper Sponsorship Challenge**

**Challenge Dates: January 1, 2026 – May 1, 2026**

**Dear Lions Club Members, District Governors, and Chairs,**

We are excited to launch the **Lions of Michigan – Lions Bear Lake Camp- Camper Sponsorship Challenge!** This is your club's opportunity to go above and beyond your annual giving and help make camp dreams come true for children across Michigan.

As a proud project of Lions of Michigan MD11, Lions Bear Lake Camp provides life-changing experiences to youth who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing, and we need YOUR help to send campers to camp in 2026. It costs \$995 for a weeklong residential camp for one child; families only pay \$100 per camper, thanks to Camper Sponsorships and donations from Lions Clubs across Michigan. For our 3-day Visually Impaired/Blind and Deaf/Hard of Hearing family camps, the cost is \$500, with families charged only \$100.



#### **Here's the Challenge:**

We're asking every club and district in Michigan to:

- Sponsor one or more campers at \$995 each or sponsor one family at \$500 each
- **Reach out to local vision and hearing centers, eye doctors, and audiologists to help find additional sponsors**
- Engage local businesses, civic groups, and individuals who would be willing to sponsor a child

#### **Club & District Recognition:**

To keep it fun and rewarding, we'll be recognizing:

-  The club that brings in the **most camper and family sponsorships**
-  The district with the **highest percentage of club participation**

Winners will be honored at the MD11 State Convention and featured in Lions Bear Lake Camp's communications and social media.



Let's show the power of Lions in action! Together, we can make sure no child is left behind from experiencing the leadership, independence, and joy that only camp can bring.

Thank you for your continued support of Lions Bear Lake Camp and our mission to serve all youth, regardless of ability.

In service,

**Chrissy Andre**

MD11 Lions Bear Lake Camp State Chair

 [chrissy@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:chrissy@bearlakecamp.org)  [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

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# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN CAMPER SPONSORSHIP CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE DATES

**JAN 1<sup>ST</sup> -**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**



**HELP SEND A CHILD TO WEEKLONG RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR \$995  
OR A FAMILY WEEKEND CAMP FOR \$500**

Lions Bear Lake Camp provides life-changing outdoor experiences for youth who are blind, visually impaired, Deaf, or hard of hearing.

This year, we are challenging every Lions Club and District in Michigan to go above and beyond their annual giving to sponsor campers and engage their communities.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Sponsor one or more campers at \$995 each, or a family camp weekend at \$500 each for our Visually Impaired/Blind or Deaf & Hard of Hearing sessions.
- **Reach out to local vision & hearing centers to promote the camp and encourage sponsorship, each sponsorship will count towards your clubs total.**
- Engage local businesses and civic groups to sponsor.

### RECOGNITION & AWARDS

**Top Club** – Most camper sponsorships  
**Top District** – Highest percentage of club participation

Winners will be honored at the MDII State Convention and featured in Lions Bear Lake Camp's statewide communications.

**EVERY SPONSORSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!  
TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND FROM  
EXPERIENCING CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, AND JOY AT CAMP.**

810-245-0726

[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

[info@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:info@bearlakecamp.org)



# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Sponsor a Camper for \$995

Sponsor a Family Weekend for \$500



The Mission of Bear Lake Camp is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

## Sponsor a Child for a Weeklong Residential Camp or Sponsor a Family for a Weekend Camp

Visually Impaired & Blind Family Camp \$500  
July 3-5th, 2026

Visually Impaired Youth Camp \$995  
July 5th-11th, 2026

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp \$995  
July 12th-18th, 2026

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Family Camp \$500  
July 24th-26th, 2026



Did a Lions Club refer you to this sponsorship?

☐ Yes – Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ No

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Session(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sponsorships: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Lions Bear Lake Camp

*Lions Bear Lake Camp's Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.*

# 2025

## Trail Markers: Our Year in Impact



### 1982

Founded by Big Al Kassin and the Lake Orion Lions Club. Camp opened in its current location in 2000.



### 15,000+

Number of campers & visitors since 2000.



### 25,500+

Total number of meals served by our food service team in 2025.



### 85%

Percentage of our summer camp staff who are returning campers that have been through our leadership development program.

### 2025 Campers and Visitors



## 3500+

Number of Individuals Served in 2025.

## 11

Weeks of summer kid camps.

## 1,506

Kids served.

### Lions Sponsored Camps

## 25

Years of providing mission focused residential camps.

**Visually Impaired & Blind Youth Camp**

**Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Camp**

### Camp Life

## 120

Acres of trails, nature, & adventure

## 160

Individuals we can house at full capacity in 10 cabins

## 250

Dining Hall Capacity

### Partnerships

We have many partnerships allowing us to host several summer camp opportunities

- o Camp Quality- Kids with Cancer Sibling Camp
- o MSU Kesem- Kids with Parents who have Cancer
- o PBJ- Foster Kid camp ages 6-12
- o Jack and Jill Motor City Chapter, Youth Leadership Development
- o MASTA String Camps
- o Sterling Heights Marching Band Camp

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## Lions Bear Lake Camp

# Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

Doors open @ 5p. Dinner is served @ 6:30p.

NEW VENUE: Boulder Pointe Golf Club, 1 Champion Dr. Oxford, MI 48371

Join us for a night of auctions, raffles, drinks, and a gourmet Wild Game Dinner! Ticket prices include dinner buffet and an open beer, wine, and mixed drink bar. All proceeds will benefit the Lions Bear Lake Camp for children with disabilities!

**\$70 per person OR \$480 for reserved table of 8**

Order your tickets online TODAY at [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)  
under the event tab, or purchase tickets via mail.

Mail to 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48448.

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**Sponsorship Opportunities Available!**



**Platinum**  
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**\$500**

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## What Do You Want From Your Time & Talents?

### This is about you.

You want your time to matter. You want to grow as a person & a professional. You want real friendships & meaningful purpose. The Lions help you achieve all of that—and more.

- Personal Fulfillment through service
- Leadership Opportunities in real-life settings
- On demand, virtual & in-person skills training that apply to all aspects of your life
- Professional Networking with purpose
- Global Impact with local heart
- Friendship & Belonging in a connected world

You want more than a place to show up—you want a place to belong, lead, grow, and truly make an impact.



## Real Impact Starts with You — & Your Dues

Your Lions dues don't go to service projects — & that's a good thing. They cover the behind-the-scenes stuff that keeps our global organization running smoothly — so that when people donate to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), 100% of that money goes straight to helping people.

### Where Your Global Dues Go

- Admin & Ops | Keeps Lions HQ running — staff, tech, governance, branding, & more.
- Member Tools | LionPortal, training platforms, club resources — all powered by dues.
- Leadership & Training | Supports training for club officers, district leaders, & international boards.
- Brand Reputation | Funds global marketing & communications so Lions stay credible & visible.
- 100% Donation Guarantee | Because dues cover the overhead, LCIF can promise every dollar donated goes directly to service (like disaster relief, youth programs, vision care, etc.).

### What Your Local & District Dues Support

- Club Operations – Meetings, supplies, newsletters, printing
- Member Engagement – Events, orientation, recognition, awards
- Leadership Training – Zone meetings, officer visits, planning
- Event Insurance – Covers club activities & protects members



# STOP THE DROPS

**W**hen members feel valued, connected & proud of what their club does, they don't leave. **Retention isn't about keeping numbers — it's about keeping hearts engaged in service.**

December & June drops are often the result of clubs purging their rosters before the semi-annual billing deadlines. But that behavior is symptomatic, not the root cause. Let's stop the drops by addressing both prevention & perception.

## DECEMBER & JUNE DROPS HAPPEN BECAUSE:

- Clubs don't want to pay for inactive members.
- Members feel disconnected or unengaged or unheard or unappreciated.
- There's a "clean-up culture" rather than a renewal mindset.

# service + fun = happy Lions

## Engage Now - Before the Drop

### IDENTIFY AT-RISK MEMBERS

- Who hasn't attended meetings?
- Who hasn't participated in service?
- Who might drop?
- Check in personally with every member now.
- Ask why they have become distant or might be considering leaving — & listen without judgment.
- Offer flexible dues payment options (installments, sponsorships, or club-level assistance funds).
- Use this as a chance to re-sell the value of being a Lion: friendship, purpose, impact & connection.

### REACTIVATE THROUGH SERVICE

Promote a December service project where EVERY member has a role, even if it's small.

MEASURABLE GOAL - At least one contact/engagement for every Lion by November 30.

**Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion.**



# Starting Your Lions Club Podcast

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

For some time, we've been working on crafting our personal Lions Club stories that are engaging in face-to-face conversations we have that include discussions on potential membership. Now, imagine a new way to share your Lions story that feels almost as personal and welcoming, but it is not quite face to face. It is a medium that your community will find easy to enjoy while driving to work, walking the dog, or making dinner. That's the power of a podcast—and it's an opportunity perfectly suited for your local Lions Club.

A podcast is simply a series of recorded personal conversations that people can listen to on their phones, computers, or smart speakers. It is akin to giving your neighbors permission to eavesdrop on what you are talking about with another person or persons. For a community service organization like yours, it can become a friendly "voice" of your Lions Club, helping you connect with neighbors, partners, and potential members in a meaningful way.

## Sharing Our Story of Service

Your Lions Club does great work, but only a small number in your community may see it firsthand. A podcast lets you explain *why* Lions do what we do, not just *what* we do. Episodes could highlight recent service projects or tell the story behind a long-standing Lions Club tradition. When people hear enthusiasm and commitment in our voices, our service becomes more relatable and inspiring.

Your Lions Club's podcasts don't have to be formal or complicated. One host—perhaps rotating among members—can interview fellow Lions, community leaders, school officials, or recipients of our service. These conversations highlight partnerships and remind listeners that Lions are deeply woven into the fabric of your local community. It also gives local organizations a reason to share your content with their own audiences.

Not everyone reads our newsletters or attends your meetings, but many people enjoy listening. A podcast can reach beyond your usual channels and complement what we already do online. Episodes can be shared on your Facebook page, linked to our E-Clubhouse website, and mentioned in newsletters and publicity releases. Each episode becomes reusable content that continues working for your Lions Club long after it's recorded.

## Podcasts Attract New Members

People often hesitate to join their local Lions Club because they don't know what a meeting is like or whether they'd fit in. Hearing real members talk casually about service, fellowship, and fun can remove that uncertainty. A podcast helps potential members feel like they already know us before they ever walk into a meeting.

Starting a podcast doesn't require a studio or technical expertise. A quiet room, a basic microphone, and free or low-cost recording software are enough to begin. Episodes can be short—15 to 20 minutes—and published once or twice a month. As comfort grows, so can the format and frequency.

At its heart, a Lions Club podcast is another form of service: informing, connecting, and strengthening your ties to your community. By giving your club a consistent voice, you can amplify our mission, celebrate our impact, and invite others to join us in making a difference. A podcast won't replace what you already do — but it is a fine addition in helping more people hear about what you do!



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