



Lions District 11-C2

Newsletter

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2024-2025 District Officers

Governor: Lion Carl Cozart
1st Vice Gov.: Lion Aleta Cozart
2nd Vice Gov.: Vacant
Secretary: Lion Denise Temple
Treasurer: Lion Robert Phillips
IPDG: Lion Ted Hamilton

2024-2025 Zone Chairs

R1-Z1: Vacant
R1-Z2: Lion Jody Sivyer
R2-Z1: Lion Becky Hamilton
R2-Z2: Lion Kenny Kinsey
R3-Z1: Lion Chuck Vasalion
R3-Z2: Lion Eileen Delaney
R4-Z1: Lion Chrissy Andre

From the desk of the Governor



DG Carl Cozart 989-277-4847
gonehunting35@outlook.com

My District Governor’s motto for this Lions’ year is “Together We Leave Footprints.” As I make my visitations around the District, I have witnessed many fine people leaving their “footprints.”

Clubs doing great work: Adopt-A-Highway programs; helping with chicken BBQs; selling popcorn at football games; sponsoring golf outings; helping with a balloonfest; working a pancake breakfast or sponsoring a student of the month (plus, so many more, too numerous to mention). It is great to see so many Lions Clubs leaving their footprints on their communities. Keep up the good work!

I am enthused by the training that LCI is doing to sponsor the growth of the 1.5 Mission. I’m encouraged by the beginnings of a “Lions USA” effort and identity. Getting diverse groups of Lions together can only help strengthen our goal to reach a larger membership. I’m glad to report that our own District 11-C2 membership is going up!



If your Lions Club is your town’s “best kept secret,” we need to change that. We need to get out there and make sure when people hear about Lions, they don’t only think of football! I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a safe New Year.

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- [Lions of Michigan](#)
- [Lions Clubs International](#)
- [Lions of Michigan YouTube Channel](#)

Bit of Wisdom

The only gift anyone needs to give at Christmas is to show that they CARE.

Kindness matters.



Around The District

Laingsburg Lions Club

Laingsburg Lions club donate \$500 to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers on Sept. 28th.

1st picture has all the Recyclers present that day along with Lions Mike Danek and Tom Turke holding the BIG check.



2nd picture l-r are Recycler Terry Link, Lion Mike Danek and Tom Turek, Recycler Todd Brewer



R1-Z2 and R4-Z1 Bi-Zone Service Project

Lions of District 11-C2 were “stocking stuffing” in Bancroft on December 3rd. There was a large turnout of Lions who enjoyed a potluck dinner before filling 80 Christmas stockings with shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, lip balm, crayons, toys, and more.

The stockings, along with bags of coloring books and sacks of candy, will be delivered to three area domestic violence shelters: EVE in Lansing, Siren’s in Charlotte, and SafeCenter in St. Johns/Owosso.



Laingsburg Lions Club

This past summer, Laingsburg Lions donated \$4,441.49 to Sleepy Hollow State Park for the purchase of Mobi-mats pictured above. On the Mobi-mats are l-r Lion Dane Nickols, Park Director Jodivyer and Past Pres. Lion Mike Foster.

Around The District



Owosso Lions Club

The Owosso Lions Club held a Soup-er Food Drive on November 10, 2025. In just two short hours, more than 250 pounds of food was collected, and later donated to a local food pantry.



Charlotte Lions Club & Olivet Lions Club

Charlotte Lions Bob Phillips and Connie O'Neill transported 1,000 pieces of cheese on 9/4/24 from Shipshewana, Indiana back to Lion Nancy Lampman's garage in Charlotte to sort and process pre-orders. All 1,000 pieces of cheese were sold by nearly all the Lions in the club. Lions Dean Steward and Kathryn Conrad sold cheese at TSC.

The Olivet Lions Club invited Lion Dianne to attend one of their meetings to sell cheese. Zone Chair and President of the Olivet Club, Chuck Vasilion shows off the cheese he purchased. The final profit from the cheese sale is estimated to be approximately \$1,500.





Olivet Lions Club

Pictured is Gale Knoll, Olivet Lions treasurer presenting a check for \$1580 to Marie Steele of the Olivet Good Neighbor food pantry. The proceeds are from the Olivet Lions annual Harvest Dinner which included participation by area churches and University of Olivet students.

Around The District



Eaton Rapids Lions Club

Eaton Rapids Lions Club Peace Poster winner is Libby Gruebeck! We had the pleasure of awarding Libby a check for \$100 and get to thank all of the other participants in this project. Libby's art will now be entered into the National competition for a chance to win \$5,000! Congratulations Libby! We also want to thank Eaton Rapids Teen Space for bringing this to the kids!



Bath Township Lions Club

In preparation for the Holiday tree lighting event members of our club braved the cold and snow to put up the Nativity Scene in the park. A little history note: this tradition started over 40 years ago, when our member Raymond Eschteuth made it and would make sure it was on display every year. We honor this tradition and hope the community will enjoy.



Mason Lions Club

The Mason Lions Club is helping sponsor Roland. He is a Leader Dog puppy and very cute. Our sponsor packet arrived just the other day.



Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

On November 9, 2024, a great group of District 11-C2 leaders posed for this picture. They attended and staffed the Institute in this year in Roscommon. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Around The District



Olivet Lions Club

Olivet Lions treasurer, Gale Knoll is presenting Olivet Community Schools superintendent, John Mertz with a check for \$1500 for the school's student assistance fund which provides funds for things that teachers would pay for out of their own pockets for students like personal care needs, coats, hats, etc.



Bancroft Lioness Lions Club

Three carloads of food and a check for Durand Loaves and Fishes picked up from Bertha Neal kiddos and staff. All delivered to Durand Loaves and Fishes by the Bancroft Lioness Lions Club. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Around The District

Charlotte Lions Club

The Charlotte Lions Club sponsored and decorated their table with pictures of Lions "serving their community". The lions purchased silent auction items and raffle tickets to help increase the proceeds, which will go to Eaton Siren Shelter. This event was held on November 17, 2024 at St. Mary's Church in Charlotte, with a sold-out crowd of 200. The group picture includes the following lions: Left to Right; Nancy Lampman, Sally and John Messner, Wendy Copenhaver-Skidmore, Jan and Bob Phillips, and Dianne Barmes. Lion Connie Oneill was seated at the empty chair but is taking the picture. Lion Nancy won a super raffle prize of a \$200 certificate for a Recks Jewelry store in Charlotte. Congratulations Lion Nancy!



Vermontville Lions Club

Vermontville Lion Club Student of the Month Chairman, Jeff Fisher, presents Maple Valley 8th grader Easton Hansbarger with the Student of Month Certificate for November along with a Gift Certificate. Easton's favorite subject is math while enjoying basketball, baseball, football, wrestling, fishing and Hunting. Easton's parents are Cole and Jennifer Hansbarger.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club

We had a great time celebrating our 80th anniversary! Thank you to all Lions who attended and especially to the Olivet Lions Club for providing the cake and punch! We even received a proclamation from the City of Eaton Rapids. We want to go another 80 years!



Holt Lions Club

Halloween In The Park, October 27, 2024! The annual event was held at Valhalla Park because of construction going on at the Fire Station next to Veterans Memorial Park. Maybe a lot of people didn't know about the change of location. But it was a great day, warm and sunny. The kids, parents and friends all had a good time. The Valhalla Park has the advantage of playgrounds and space to just relax. Now we just do it again next year.



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Around The District



Lions Club of Wacousta

Our club has celebrated 36 years of service with a great group of friends, and we're loving every minute of it!



Bretton Woods Lions Club

At dinner November 7th at One North we had two potential members join us, Mark and Lisa Holcomb. Both have applied for membership, and we look for to officially welcoming them as new members.





Several of our District 11-C2 friends have been busy at Bear Lake Camp. Here is information from the last Camp Newsletter:

Brent Beracy

Facilitator/Leadership Development

If you've been around camp this year, chances are you've met Brent Beracy—a guy who's as passionate about camp as he is about helping people challenge themselves and have a blast in the outdoors! Brent joined our team in 2024, and he's already making a huge impact with his energy, skills, and sense of adventure.

Brent's a certified challenge course and climbing tower/zipline facilitator, so when he's around, you know there's going to be some serious action on the ropes and climbing tower! Whether he's helping campers conquer their fear of heights or just cheering them on as they reach new heights (literally!), Brent is all about building confidence and having fun. And he's not just about today's challenges, he's stepping up to learn the ropes (pun intended) as our future Leadership Development Program Coordinator. That means he's diving into even more ways to help our campers grow as leaders while having an unforgettable time at camp.

Outside of camp, Brent's been a Lion for decades, holding roles from Club President to District Governor and beyond. He's even helped start new Lions clubs and guided existing ones to make an even bigger difference in their communities. But here at Bear Lake, he's all about making memories with our campers and pushing them to discover what they're capable of.

We're beyond excited to have Brent on the team. He's brought a spark to camp that everyone can feel, and we can't wait to see how his journey with us unfolds. So, the next time you see him leading an adventure or just hanging out by the campfire, be sure to say hi, he's got stories to share and encouragement to give.



Phyllis & Charlie Blackburn

Board Members

This month, we celebrate two remarkable people whose lives have been shaped by love and a deep dedication to others. Charlie and Phyllis Blackburn are the true definition of a power couple, sharing decades of service, side by side, and always ready to help wherever there is a need.

With 44 years as a Lion, Charlie has quietly guided and supported projects that have left a lasting impact—from Erickson Softball Park to Bear Lake Camp. He has become a fixture in the community, leading by example and giving his time without hesitation. Phyllis, his partner in every sense, matched his dedication in her own way. She not only founded the Delta Lioness Club but also helped establish the Lioness District of 11-C2, where she held every district office over the years. Now, as a member of the Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club, she continues to serve with the same energy and heart, organizing events that bring people together and uplift the community.

After more than 70 years of marriage, Charlie and Phyllis continue to stand together, serving their community with the same passion they began with. Their lives are a reminder of how powerful shared purpose can be, and they have inspired countless others to give of themselves as fully as they have.

Thank you, Charlie and Phyllis, for showing us all the true meaning of service and for building a legacy that goes beyond words.



Bear Lake Camp Crafting Weekend

We had an exceptional time at the crafting event at Lions Bear Lake Camp in November! The staff provided us with many choices of food for our meals, and everyone brought snacks to share, so there were plenty of extras. From healthy to decadent, no one should have gone home hungry.

The majority of the crafters were quilters, which was amazing. We had never seen so many sewing machines in one place! From basic stitch machines to fancy programmable ones, they were all fabulous. All the ladies were happy to share their crafts with us and were already wondering when we would be back with them.

For our fee, we received all our meals (and didn't have to wash dishes!), a place to sleep and bathe, a nice area to craft with electricity, and we were able to do some 50/50 fundraising for the camp. On top of all that, we enjoyed the beautiful atmosphere of the camp and the fellowship of all the crafters.

Thank you,

Denise Temple and Aleta Cozart
(The Messy Sisters)



Zone R3-Z2 is hosting a meeting for all Lions in District 11-C2. Our guest speaker will be Lion Cyndi Mark talking about Leos in our district. She has asked for everyone to come and bring ideas on recruiting more Leos. Please invite Lions from your clubs to attend! We will be meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Delhi Café, 4625 E. Willoughby Rd. in Holt, Mi at 6 PM. More details will be coming, but please RSVP to Lion Eileen Delaney at lioneileen53@gmail.com or 517-281-1856 by January 13, 2025.

District 11-C2 Cabinet Meetings

The third Cabinet Meeting of the 2024-2025 Year
will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the Perry VFW at 9 AM

PLEASE RSVP TO
Cabinet Secretary Lion Denise Temple
tsjellyboo@aol.com

FOR ALL CABINET MEETINGS.

We need to get our numbers in advance of each meeting.

UPCOMING CABINET MEETINGS

Saturday, March 22, 2025, cabinet meeting #4 at convention in Mt. Pleasant
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, cabinet meeting #5 at Dutch Hollow in Durand at 6 PM

Save the date and details to follow

District 11 C-2 Celebration of Service



Who: District 11 C2 will be having our joint convention with 11 C1 Lions

Where: Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant

When: Friday, March 21 - Saturday, March 22, 2025

Preliminary schedule:

Friday PM Social event and hospitality room

Saturday AM Memorial Service



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2025

February 28 - March 1, 2025

Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

KEY SPEAKER WILL BE PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN!

See next page for registration form.

More information to follow.

2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK!

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025

Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan



Join us February 28-March 1, 2025 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Reservations available at the

BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO

269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$117.00

Registration Cost: \$50.00/person

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=8D6QX5G2

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642.

ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name/District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants: _____ Food Allergies: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

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

Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.

Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!

SAVE THE DATE
for the
2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
July 13-17 2025
Orlando, Florida

Greetings Lions, Leos and friends. Here is an important update for our international convention in 2025:

We know that many of you were looking forward to attending our 107th international convention in Mexico City. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen challenges, and after lengthy and ongoing efforts to secure contracts with acceptable terms that provided the confidence we needed to host a successful convention in Mexico City, we are announcing a change of venue for our international convention. While we are disappointed to share this update, we are excited to announce that we have been able to secure a wonderful new site in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. for the 2025 international convention. The dates for the event will be July 13-17, 2025. Updated registration information will be provided to Lions as soon as it's ready. Orlando is a magical city, renowned for its exemplary hotel accommodations, traveler-friendly airport and world-class convention center. The city is famous for its wide range of entertainment, including iconic theme parks, trendy shopping and great restaurants, making Orlando one of the top destinations globally. We are extremely grateful for the partnership and collaboration from the city of Orlando, and we're already working together to create an incredible convention experience for you.

SAVE THE DATE
2025 MD11 CONVENTION



May 15-17th, 2025
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
Bay City MI 48708

You will be able to register and pay online for all your 2025 MD11 Convention needs. More information will be available nearer the date in 2025.

Michigan Lions - We're on a Mission to Grow!

**WE CAN
SEE
CLEARLY NOW**

**2.4 MILLION
INDIVIDUALS**
EBAA member
eye banks have
restored sight
to more than
2.4 million
individuals.

**\$
NEARLY
\$8 BILLION**
Corneal transplants
have a \$8 billion
lifetime economic
benefit annually.

**EVERY
11 MINUTES**
Every 11 minutes,
someone has their
sight restored
with tissue from
an EBAA member
eye bank.

**95%
SUCCESS
RATE**
For all
corneal
transplants



**EYE DONATION
MONTH**
NOVEMBER 2024

#EYEDONATIONMONTH
EYEDONATIONMONTH.ORG



BI-ZONE MEETING/SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday January 25, 2025 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Bancroft Community Hall

120 Warren St, Bancroft MI 48414

Denim Recycling/Repurposing instructions/DIY ideas

Please bring worn out denim that can't be donated and a pair of scissors. We will be cutting the metal out of the denim items. Please join us for recycling/repurposing/DIY ideas, even if you have no denim to bring!!

We will have a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass.

Suggestions: fruit dish, veggie dish, meat/cheese charcuterie.

Plates and cutlery will be provided.

All Lions are welcome to this R2Z1 and R4Z1 Bi-Zone event.

Please bring a friend who is not a Lion yet!!

Inclement weather cancels the event.

Please direct inquiries to Lion Becky Hamilton

517-614-4432 or bbthebb2004@yahoo.com



St. Johns Knights of Columbus & St. Johns Lions Club



CHILI & BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER

*bottled water
& chips also
available for
purchase*

**St. Nick Parade – Downtown St. Johns
Friday, December 6, 2024
Starting at 4:30 p.m. until food is gone
UAW Hall – 117 W. Walker Street**

*sincere thanks to
the UAW for the
use its hall for this
fundraiser*

**Enjoy hot chili or fresh baked potato to warm
you up during the St. Nick Parade**

**\$5.00 for 12 oz. cup of hot chili
topped with corn chips and shredded cheese**



**\$4.00 for baked potato
topped with butter, sour cream, bacon and even chili**



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 10th, 2025

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**Easy, Medium, and
Advanced Tasks available**
Please bring your own gloves and tools



PLEASE RSVP TO:

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

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BE A PART OF THIS CHALLENGE!

*“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 Carl 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**



Inspiring and Engaging Lionism
in the United States and its Affiliates:

Introducing LionsUSA

Lionism has always been about community, service, and leadership. It's about coming together to make the world a better place. But as times change, so must we. That's where **LionsUSA** comes in—a grassroots movement designed to inspire and engage Lionism across the United States and build a brighter, stronger future for all Lions.

WHAT IS LIONSUSA?

LionsUSA is more than just a group; it's a movement. Comprised of individuals dedicated to uplifting and strengthening Lionism, it's an inclusive network that invites every member of the Lions in the United States and its Affiliates to participate.

At its heart, LionsUSA is about action—both now and in the future. By coming together, we aim to support one another, grow membership, cultivate dynamic leaders, and inspire Lions across the nation to engage in service projects that create meaningful change.

THE MISSION OF LIONSUSA

LionsUSA's mission spans across Constitutional Area 1 with six key goals:

1. **Expand and Sustain Membership:** Grow an inclusive and thriving membership in every club, District, and Multiple District.
2. **Promote a Supportive Network:** Build connections among Lions to drive positive change for a better tomorrow.
3. **Cultivate Leadership:** Foster and empower forward-thinking Lions leaders who will shape the future.
4. **Engage in Service:** Inspire Lions to take on humanitarian service projects—whether large or small—to make a difference.
5. **Serve with Integrity:** Encourage Lions to lead with conviction, compassion, and integrity in all they do.
6. **Celebrate Fellowship:** Promote fun, camaraderie, fellowship, and family as we grow and serve together.

This is more than a movement; it's a mission to reignite the passion for Lionism in the United States. By taking part in LionsUSA, you're stepping into a community committed to service, growth, and leadership—all while fostering the connections and joy that make Lionism so special.

Together, we can transform the way we serve, lead, and grow. Let's make Lionism stronger than ever—because the future of service starts with us.

Lions USA General Interest form:

<https://forms.gle/MVJbGJhZ2EoxHv7w6>

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

DISTRICT 11-C2 DYNAMIC DUO



TRACI TRIBLEY & BRENT BERACY

February 1st, 2025

3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

**SUPPORT TRACI AND BRENT AS THEY TAKE THE
PLUNGE FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP'S 3RD
ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE. ACCEPTING
DONATIONS/PLEDGES OF SUPPORT.**



**Send Checks to:
Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N Five Lakes Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446**

"Traci/Brent Ice Plunge" in Memo



Lions Bear Lake Camp



3RD ANNUAL ICE PLUNGE & DINNER *Fundraiser*

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR AN ICE PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Dinner Includes Costume Contest

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

**Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser**

FEBRUARY 1ST 2025

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.**



For More Information Contact

Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 chrissy@bearlakecamp.org

Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab

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

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

ICE PLUNGE & DINNER FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025 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. Jumpers Receive:

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

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

\$250 or More: Jump, Dinner x2, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal

\$500 or More: Jump, Dinner x4, T-shirt, Tote Bag, Medal, Event Hoodie

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Sub Zero Hero Sponsor \$1,000

Sponsor's Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt and sponsor banner, Table of 8 Dinner Tickets, Exhibitor Table, 5 Minute speaking opportunity to promote services during dinner.

Arctic Champion Sponsor \$500

Sponsor's name or Logo will be featured on back of T-shirt, 4 Dinner Tickets

Frosty Friends Sponsor \$250

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt, 2 Dinner Tickets

Ice Breaker Sponsor \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on back of T-shirt

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 or send check to:

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



Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across **Global Action Team Area 1E** to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Thursday, January 16
Thursday, January 30
Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow>

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

Hurricane Milton-Lions & LCIF Answer the Call



DISASTER UPDATES

HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON

- LCIF has awarded 13 grants across 5 states (FL, GA, NC, SC, TN) // **\$365,000** Total grant support to date
- 11 Emergency Grants // **\$165,000**
- 2 MCAT Grants for MD 35 (FL) and MD 31 (NC) // **US\$200,000**
- Lions are currently developing a plan to best utilize these funds
- LCIF staff in continual and close contact with Lions of Eastern US in anticipation of additional requests





DISTRICT 11-C2

*Help fight hunger
in our communities*

***Your loose change makes a
difference to food banks supporting our
community members.***

**During our Cabinet meetings, drop it into the
yellow canister to show your support.**

- **January 18, 2025 @ Perry VFW, Perry**
- **March 22, 2025 @ Celebration of
Service, Mt. Pleasant**
- **April 24, 2025 @ Dutch Hollow, Durand**



The Hunger Committee also encourages each club to
collect loose change at their meetings and to bring their club's
"loose change" to the Cabinet meetings.**

**** Please contact**

**Lion Karen Ketola (517.927.4834) or Lion Jenny Stromlund (810.923.4251) if
you'd like to match a Cabinet Meeting Collection**



Mints For MILITARY

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution, but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48911
517-887-6640
info@lmsf.net
www.lmsf.net



PLEASE SEND A LION MINTS CARE PACKAGE TO:

Military Member's Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____

APO: _____ FPO: _____ AE: _____ AA: _____ AP: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Get Ready Now for “Celebrate Community 2025”

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

“Celebrate Community” is a joint initiative of the four major volunteer service organizations that focuses on community needs, which took place for the fourth year in September 2024. The global organizations – Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International – first collaborated in 2021 to promote local joint service projects.



This annual public effort encourages clubs to reach out to one another to work together on projects that improve and benefit their local communities. Not content to just share space on the welcome sign when people drive into town, we’ve cooperated to help and also raised our club’s local visibility. Over the four years we’ve been doing this in Mason, Michigan, our four local clubs have raised thousands of dollars to help worthy community causes.



In 2021, Mason, Michigan service clubs worked together to raise funds for the annual CROP Hunger Walk in Mason. In 2022, the clubs raised money for the Sparrow Hair-a-Thon Thon and Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In 2023, the donations went to two organizations: the Friends of the Mason Library and the Mason Area Historical Society.



Both the Library and Museum were continuing to undergo renovations, so Celebrate Community 2024 in Mason was an extension of the 2023 fundraising efforts. Our service clubs again helped to make sure the two buildings continue their important work in preserving Mason’s cultural heritage.



VOTE!

Mason Area Historical Museum
200 E. Oak Street

Mason Hall Memorial Library
145 W. Ash Street

Vote for Team Museum

Vote for Team Library

Vote with your dollars
to help us in “Renovating Our Mason Heritage.”

“Celebrate Community” is an annual cooperative effort of our four international service organizations. This year, our local sponsors to come again on celebrating the cultural heritage of Mason. Mason area service clubs are encouraging their members, families, businesses, and other organizations to assist in funding the needed renovations at our Library and Museum.

Please make separate checks payable to these two nonprofit organizations and send your tax-deductible donations directly to:

- Mason Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 44, Mason, MI 48854
- Friends of the Mason Library, 145 W. Ash St., Mason, MI 48854

Contact information and links to online donation opportunities may be found at the www.masonmuseum.org and www.cad.org/about/get-involved/friends-library/mason-websites. Please refer your favorite service organization in the memo line or in an e-mail comment.

Mason Area Service Organizations
Celebrate Community 2024

As in past years, a “Celebrate Community” fundraising kit was given to each club. The 2024 kit had a poster, easel, handouts, and two donation jars – each with an election theme with “Vote for Team Museum” and “Vote for Team Library.” Clubs could choose their own ways to contribute, however. Passing the donation jars around at club meetings, making a club donation, and encouraging larger donations from individual members were the most popular.

The Mason Area Historical Society and The Friends of the Mason Library are both 501c3 nonprofit organizations and also received funds directly from individuals in the community as part of this campaign. We requested that the nonprofits inform the appropriate service organization if donations were made in the name of one of our clubs.

Some donors made large contributions in the name of a service club, even though they were not a member of any club at all. It seems folks in Mason realize that service clubs are the heart of our communities. They know that so many people each year depend on our clubs’ service and support.

We all know that we can make an even bigger impact when we work together. What will be our focus for this coming September? That has yet to be determined. However, now is the time to begin to discuss ideas. What ideas do you have for a joint project to help your area’s local clubs “Celebrate Community” in 2025?



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