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Lions District 11-C2

Newsletter

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From the desk of the Governor



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

I hope everyone is having a strong start to the new calendar year, as we now reach the mid-point of the 2024-2025 Lions year.

Our first District 11-C2 Melvin Jones Challenge drawing to raise money for LCIF took place at our last Cabinet meeting -- with the Hartland Lions Club as the winning club. This Challenge worked so well; it appears we'll continue doing it next year.

However, there's another opportunity to earn a Melvin Jones for your club yet this year with a different type of challenge. Council Chair Terri Huffman and our Global Membership Team leaders now are challenging you to expand your club's membership! Between now and May 16, each club in MD 11 is asked to achieve a net-positive growth of 3 new Lion members. Clubs to reach this goal will be added to a new special drawing to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The drawing will be held Friday evening, May 16, during the MD 11 Lions Convention.

Please share the outline of this "3 for Growth" challenge (you'll find it later in this newsletter) with your clubs and contact Council Chair Terri Huffman at terri_huffman@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Good luck!



Your Zone Chairs each have the new tool for us to use in this and all our growth efforts. The "MI Recruiter's Passport" can help rekindle your passion for Lionism with its call to action. It asks us to reflect on what it means for each of us to be a Lion and then helps you to share your stories with others. People join Lions to connect with other people. As a wise Lion recently told me:

"Promotion never does the whole job in getting us new members. We still need to bring them in face-to-face and one-at-a-time."

Contents:

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- Mints for the Military
- How to Connect in a Disconnected World
- and much more!

Places of Interest:

[Lions District Web Site](#)

[District Newsletters](#)

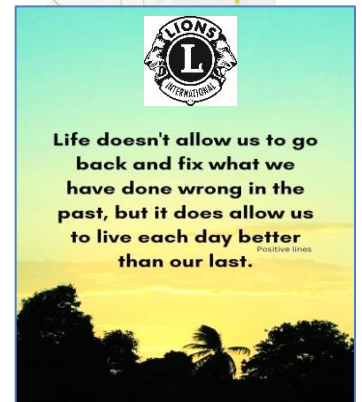
[Lions of Michigan Foundation](#)

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[Lions of Michigan YouTube Channel](#)

Bit of Wisdom





Laingsburg Lions Club

Our DG was on hand to install our newest Laingsburg Lions Club member on January 9th, 2025. In the picture is DG Carl Cozart, new Lion Autumn Michels and her sponsor Lion Mike Foster.



Around the District



District 11-C2 Cabinet Meeting

Lion leaders from around mid-Michigan were in Perry for a District 11-C2 Cabinet meeting on Saturday, January 18, 2025. After a breakfast buffet prepared by Perry VFW members, a lot of valuable information was shared during the meeting. They will gather again with even more Lions in Mt. Pleasant on March 21-22.





St. Johns Lions Club

On January 9th, the St. Johns Lions Club had a meeting with 11 members in attendance. Kim Chapko attended as a guest of Lion Laurie Blackmer and has decided to join the club. Hurrah! PDG Duane Witter presented Lions Dean and Carrie Hartenburg with a "Lions Membership Key Award." This Lions International award recognizes individual Lions who invite and sponsor new members. Congratulations, Lions Dean and Carrie.

Around the District



St. Johns Lions Club

St. Johns Lions Club members Gloria Carnicom, Dean and Carrie Hartenburg, Kenny Kinsey, and Nancy Presocki traveled to Perry for the District 11-C2 Cabinet meeting. Suprina Kinsey from the **Clinton County Champions Branch Club** joined them. No one from St. Johns won the 50/50 raffle or other door prizes but were grateful for the opportunity to network with members of other area clubs.



DeWitt Lions Club

At a recent meeting, Vice President Jim Rundborg introduced Kevin Robydek, the DeWitt Schools Superintendent, who informed the den of his background with the Potterville schools and the completion of upgrades to the DeWitt school buildings and grounds. They will be asking for a renewal of the current millage to continue making the Dewitt School system the best in student support. Lion Jim then presented him with a DeWitt Breakfast Lion Club coffee cup.



Hartland Lions Club

At the January 14 meeting of the Hartland Lions Club, PDG Traci Tribley was on hand to pass out two surprises. First one was an Esther LaMothe Fellowship to Lion Larry Ciofu. The second award was the Senior Master Key to PDG Kurt Stromlund.



Around the District



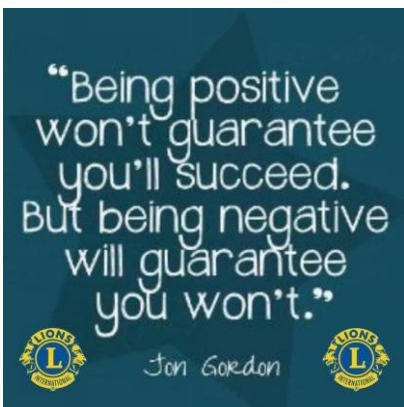
Durand Lions Club

Durand Lions Kent Edwards and Lew Deisler present a check to the Durand VFW 2272 to assist them with paying for a new roof and furnace upgrades at their building. The VFW is very generous with the use of their facility, as it can accommodate a pretty good sized crowd.



St. Johns Lions Club

Lion Gloria Carnicom from the St. Johns Lions Club stopped by Beacon of Hope to drop off over 30 pairs of mittens knitted for the club by a friend of hers for donation to a local service organization. The mittens will support Beacon of Hope's homeless project. Right now, Beacon of Hope desperately needs new and gently used blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless.





Durand Lions Club

A huge shout out to Lion Andy Zick, as he received a Kenneth Lautzenheiser Fellowship award. Lion Andy was selected by the Durand Lions, and the fellowship is supported by the Lions of Michigan. Lion Andy continues to do great things for the Durand and Shiawassee Co. area, and they are all lucky to have him as a partner and friend. He is shown here with his acrylic plaque and pin, presented by long-time Durand Lion Kent P. Edwards



Around the District

Durand Lions Club

And another shout out to Lion Kent P. Edwards, who helped sponsor 2 new members into the Durand club, and received a Key pin award from Lions International. Lion Kent P. continues his remarkable recovery from a Guillain-Barre syndrome attack last May. Doing the presentation is Club President Lew Deisler. Think they might be good friends?



Lions United Vision Days in Mason

<https://www.wilx.com/.../mason-lions-club-accepting.../>
[WILX.COM](https://www.wilx.com)

Mason Lions Club accepting donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids

By [Eisele Hirschel](#)

Published: Jan. 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM EST



MASON, Mich. (WILX) - More than 2.2 billion people live with vision impairments, and 400 million people need hearing aids, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The Mason Lions Club is working to help reduce those numbers.



“There was a girl who, her script was minus 13, and she had to have everything this close smushing her nose for her to be able to see, and her reaction was a lot like what we see kids do over here but much more dramatic, she said ‘I can see the leaves,’” said Chad Linsley, an optometrist with Mason Family Eye Care.

Lions Clubs across the country aim to make moments like those happen. “We ask that people take their old used eyeglasses and drop them off in one of our drop boxes,” said Doug Klein, Mason Lions Club secretary.

Linsley has been on seven mission trips with Lions Club glasses in Kenya, Costa Rica, and Peru. He helped distribute the donated glasses to people who needed them.

“I’m struck by how much more dramatic the cases are that we see and it can sometimes be overwhelming. There’s some people that have preventable blindness that it’s too late and that’s very heartbreaking,” said Linsley.

Along with eyeglasses, donations of used hearing aids are also being accepted. “So we can refurbish hearing aids as well as glasses and those can be distributed through audiologists,” said Klein.

“It could be as simple as a kid that has no chance to see a page in front of them or has no chance to see a board where the educational material is being presented,” said Linsley.

Mason Family Eye Care, the Mason Library, and Mason City Hall are just a few places where donations are accepted. The Lions Club of Mason is accepting donations up until Jan. 19.



(...actually, like all Lions Clubs, Mason Lions accept donations 24/7/365 -- but publicity is what it is...)



Mason Lions counted glasses as an in-meeting service project at their January 8, 2025 meeting at the same time as the broadcast on Channel 10 News! They counted 1,275 pairs of glasses and 16 hearing aids sets.



District 11-C2 Cabinet Meetings

The fourth Cabinet Meeting of the 2024-2025 Year
will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025
at the District 11-C2 Celebration of Service in Mt. Pleasant

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.
LAST 2024-2025 CABINET MEETING:
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, cabinet meeting #5 at Dutch Hollow in Durand at 6 PM

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.

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

Great Links!

<https://www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/family-membership/cub-program>

AI APPs TO HELP YOU GROW & MARKET LIONS from Lions Virtual
LionsMap2Grow & LionsMarket2Grow Apps <https://www.lionsvirtual.org/>
App Demo <https://youtu.be/LgBVzb8loZg?si=izsPyTOS5TXDSY8K>



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Raging Wildfires in California destroy entire communities

GO TO **[LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE](https://lionsclubs.org/donate)**

Several destructive wildfires sweeping through the Los Angeles area of California in the United States are devastating entire communities. More than 20 people have died, and more than 150,000 people have been evacuated. The fires have burned over 40,000 acres and destroyed more than 12,000 structures, including homes, displacing countless families.

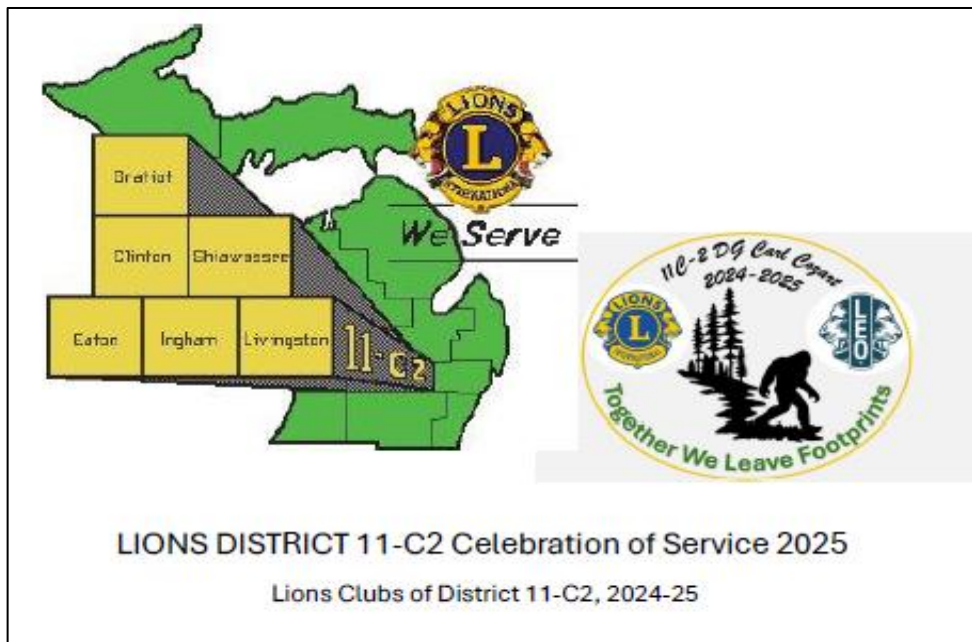
When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including Emergency Grant funding and a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in California to help their communities recover.

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF credit.

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

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Lions District 11C2 Celebration of Service March 21-22, 2025

We are just weeks away from our annual Celebration of Service, March 21 - 22 in Mt. Pleasant.

This year we'll enjoy a social hour with members of District 11C1 on Friday night and then gather in our hospitality room to enjoy more food and fellowship.

The weekend continues Saturday morning with our memorial service honoring those Lions who have passed during the last year. We reflect and remember them in service to our clubs, our communities and our country.

Lions Districts 11C1 and 11C2 will come together in service to assemble personal needs totes benefiting the clients of R.I.S.E Advocacy serving Isabella, Gratiot and Clare counties.

We'll enjoy lunch with International Director Bert Nelson, honor our awards recipients and hold our business meeting. The afternoon will have breakout sessions with education and some fun. You're also invited to stay for dinner.

We hope you'll join us for a weekend of service, honor and reflection. All registration forms and additional information are included in this newsletter.

Respectfully,
The Celebration of Service Committee
Karen Ketola, Chair



Lions District 11-C2
DG Carl Cozart
Celebration of Service
March 21-22, 2025

Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant
2424 S Mission Street
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
Direct line: 989.572.0473

Celebration of Service Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____ Years of Service _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

I plan to attend (mark all events)

Friday, March 21

Social \$20 _____

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Comedy Show
- Cash Bar

Hospitality Room No Charge _____

Saturday, March 22

Breakfast *All American Buffet* \$16 _____

Memorial Service No Charge _____

We honor and remember Lions who have passed during the last year and celebrate their service efforts.

Service Project No Charge _____

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Awards Luncheon

Featured Speaker: International Director Bert Nelson

Lunch: *The Fiesta* \$20 _____

District Business Meeting & Elections No Charge _____

Breakout Sessions No Charge _____

Dinner

Options (circle one) :

- 1) Pork loin, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert
- 2) Salmon, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert
- 3) Pasta primavera with dessert

\$28 _____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to *Lions District 11-C2*. Please fill out a separate form for each Lion/Leo/Guest.

Mail form & payment by March 9 to
Lioness Lion Kaye Olson
3610 Homewood Avenue
Lansing, MI 48910
517.721.1287

Room Reservations: to
Comfort Inn - Mt. Pleasant
2424 S Mission Street
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
Direct line: 989.572.0473
Reserve room by February 25
for cost of \$110 plus tax per room

Make that "Lioness Lion Kay Olson"

Also available for District 11-C2



Laughs and Libations

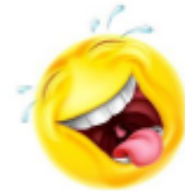


Lions of Michigan District 11C1 Convention March 21 & 22, 2025

Friday Night Social March 21, 2024



**Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn and Suites
Hotel and Conference Center
2424 South Mission
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**



Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.



Light Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar



**MC is our very own International Director
Bert Nelson**

**Comedian
John DeBoer**



Bert Nelson of New York Mills, Minnesota, United States, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.



His nerve-hitting show flows from the devious side of childhood to the never-ending pressures of our times. His twisted observations of life and the world around him have earned John a reputation as one of the most consistently strong acts wherever he goes.

Games, Raffles, Fun and Laughs

Hospitality Room After-Party

Cost paid through convention registration (\$15 convention registration and \$20 Friday Night Party)

Districts 11C2 and 11C1 will be joining efforts to assemble 100 Tote bags full of personal care items for RISE (Recovery, Independence, Safety and Empowerment). RISE serves Isabella, Gratiot and Clare counties and provides free advocacy, counseling, and support to survivors, their children, family, and friends. They believe that safety begins at home, and they support survivors through their transition into violence-free living. We will be doing this service project at the Celebration of Service/Convention in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday March 22, 2025. We will be assembling the tote bags filled with personal hygiene and other items. We need you to let me know which item(s) your club can donate to the service project. Please either email me back or call/text me at (810) 923-4251 and I can let you know if the item you want to donate is still needed. If another club is already bringing the item you wanted to donate, I can let you know which items are still available to donate. RISE needs full size items, so we realize that 100 full size items might be too much for each club to donate, so we are asking for 25 of each full-size item. We hope you will be able to attend the 11c2 Celebration of Service event, but if no one from your club can bring the items your club is donating, please contact me so we can make arrangements with one of the committee members to pick the up the items ahead of time. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Celebration of Service Event on March 21st and 22nd. I have attached the list of items that is needed. Thank you so much!

Lion Jenny Stromlund
810-923-4251



R.I.S.E. provides free advocacy, counseling, and support to survivors, their children, family, and friends. We believe that safety begins at home, and we support survivors through their transition into violence-free living. R.I.S.E. serves Isabella, Gratiot and Clare counties. www.riseadvocacy.org

With the combined efforts of Districts 11C1 and 11C2 tote bags full of personal care items** will be assembled to benefit R.I.S.E. clients. Clubs are encouraged to donate the following items supporting our service project. ***Make arrangements to bring all donations to the convention in Mt. Pleasant.***

****Items should be full size not travel size.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 50 Tote Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Body Wash | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Kids Socks |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Multicultural Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Mouthwash | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Dish Soap (like Dawn) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 worth of Size 4 diapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Multicultural Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Mouthwash | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Dish Soap (like Dawn) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 worth of Size 5 diapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Multicultural Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Mouthwash | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Dish Soap (like Dawn) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 worth of Size 6 diapers (5 packages of size 6 diapers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Multicultural Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Body Lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Dish Soap (like Dawn) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 worth of Overnight Pull-ups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Hairbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Razors | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Antiseptic Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 worth of Overnight Pull-ups |
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Contact Lion Jenny Stromlund of Hartland Lions Club at jstrom@med.umich.edu or text/call her at 810.923.4251 to let her know the items your club is donating.

As part of our upcoming **Celebration of Service Event**, we will be honoring and remembering our deceased Lions during a special **Memorial Service**. The event will take place on **March 22nd at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant**. If your club has lost a member this year, we kindly ask you to complete a **Deceased Lions Memorial Form** available from your Lions Club president or secretary.

Please include any photos you would like us to use during the service and return the completed form to us by **March 1st**. Additionally, if family members of the deceased Lion wish to attend the event, we ask that a **registration form** be completed for each family member. This will ensure we can properly honor their loved one and accommodate them at the event. The memorial service will begin at 10:00 am on March 22nd and is free of charge.

If family members or club members wish to attend a breakfast buffet that will occur before the memorial service, the cost of this buffet will be \$16 and must be paid by either the club or those attending. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us pay tribute to our fellow Lions who have served with such dedication.

Yours in Service, Chrissy Andre

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">District 11-C2 Deceased Lions Memorial Form</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Memorial Service: March 22nd, 2025, 10:00am Comfort Inn 2424 S Mission St. Mt Pleasant, MI</p> 	
Member's Name _____	_____
Club _____	Years of Service _____
Club Positions Held _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
District Positions Held _____	_____
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Special Awards/Military Service _____	_____
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Special Memories/Stories _____	_____
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Number of Family Members Attending _____	_____
<p><i>*Buffet Breakfast is \$16 per person and must be prepaid by either the club or those attending. A Registration Form must be filled out for each person attending and received by March 7th, 2025.</i></p>	
<p><i>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 2024 by March 1st 2025.</i></p>	
<p>Lion Traci Tribley IPDG 3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446 989-277-7437 tracitribley@gmail.com</p>	



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2025

February 28 - March 1, 2025

Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

KEY SPEAKER WILL BE PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN!

See registration form below.



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 Marriott Delta Kalamazoo

(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025

Alternate Hotel:

Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00

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!

MAKE YOUR MARK!



2025 Lions Michigan Forum Session Topics

	Reaching Out to Help	Personal Growth	Lions Causes	Club Management
8:30	Human Trafficking Lion Stephanie Graef, Leslie King	LCI/LCIF Available Grants and how to apply successfully	Childhood Cancer Dream Team Amanda Rounds	Localeyes Lion Doug Klein Marketing Clubs Effectively
9:30	Victims Advocacy Group VanBuren County Victim Service Unit Tara Burg; Neva Carey	A Ball for All PID Gary Anderson PDG Roshni Patel	Lions Passport PDG Brent Beracy	ABCs of Event Planning Kayleigh Gratz, Pres., Michigan Jaycee's
10:30	Elder Law Attorney David Carrier	Lions Club Resale Shops = Service Dollars VDG Kim Hooper Lion Laurie Althaus	Great Balls of Fire PIP Brian Sheehan	Incorporating Your Club DG Jonathan VanTol
11:30	Pillars of Service CC Terri Huffman	Chat GPT PDG Amy Thackston	Lions in Motion Lion Lori Sheehan	LCI Portal PDG Don Spinks

LUNCHEON AGENDA

- 12:40 p.m. Seating for Luncheon and announcements
- 12:50 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. Welcome – PDG Jim Leach, Chair
- 1:25 p.m. Introductions of White Cane Scholarship Recipients – PDG Lula Gardfrey
- 2:00 p.m. Keynote address by PIP Brian Sheehan
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle Drawings
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

On Friday night, February 28, we will work on a group service project to benefit Sacred Beginnings, an organization dedicated to combat human trafficking. We will package up donated items for their Blessed Bags program, and a list of items for each district to collect will be provided to the District GST.

Breakout Session Highlights:

LESLIE KING FOUNDER, PRESIDENT

Leslie King is a survivor of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. She was coerced into the lifestyle of prostitution at the tender age of 15 in Grand Rapids, MI. She became trapped in the underworld of prostitution and drug addiction for over 20 years. On July 4, 2000 Leslie miraculously found the strength and the courage to break free. Since 2003, she has been intensely engaged in working with individuals who find themselves trapped in the same horrors that she experienced.

KAYLEIGH GRATZ, PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN JAYCEES

FUNDRAISING 101-Utilizing the handbook on fundraising, Kayleigh Gratz will share the Chairman's Planning Guide to successful fundraising and project management.

PID JUSTIN FABER and **PID JENNY WARE**

Many are familiar with LCIF grants, but what grants are available through LCI? PIDs Justin and Jenny are teaming up to explore available grants and provide tips for successfully completing the forms.

LIONS RESALE SHOP – Turning Donated Treasures into Service Project Cash

VDG Kim Hooper and President Laurie Althaus, Bedford Township Lions Club, District 11 A1, will provide details on running a successful resale shop. With just two part-time employees they were able to raise \$260,000.00 in revenue to support local causes, student scholarships, and LCI charities.

SAVE THE DATE
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 is available online now.. 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.





Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

"MD11 Lions of Michigan Membership Challenge: 3 for Growth!"

Lions of Michigan, it's time to grow stronger together! We're excited to announce the **MD11 3 Member Challenge**—an opportunity to expand your club and honor the incredible service of your members.

Here's how it works:

- o Between now and **May 16, 2025** (the date of our State Convention), each club in MD11 is challenged to achieve a **net positive growth of 3 members**.
- o Clubs that reach this goal will be entered into a **special drawing** for a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**. The winning club will have the honor of presenting this prestigious recognition to a deserving member in their club.

Simple Tools to Help Your Club Recruit:

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Start by asking those closest to you—family, friends, and coworkers—to join your club. Share stories of the impact your club has made in the community to inspire them.

HOST A "BRING A FRIEND" NIGHT: Plan a casual meeting or event where members bring a guest. Include a brief introduction to Lions and highlight the fun and service your club provides.

SHOWCASE YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS LOCALLY: Set up a table or booth at community events like farmers' markets, parades, or festivals. Bring photos, a sign-up sheet, and a friendly smile to share what Lions are all about.

RECOGNIZE LOCAL LEADERS: Identify active community members—such as teachers, business owners, or volunteers—and invite them to join. They're already making a difference and may love the opportunity to expand their impact.

HIGHLIGHT SMALL ACTS OF SERVICE: Organize small, visible service activities like park clean-ups or food drives. Invite the community to join in and share how they can become a Lion to keep making a difference.

KEEP IT PERSONAL: People join people—not just organizations. Encourage club members to reach out personally and share why they became Lions and what it means to them.

Why This Challenge Matters:

Every new Lion brings new ideas, fresh energy, and a heart for service. Growing your club strengthens your ability to serve your community, builds lifelong friendships, and ensures our legacy of service continues.

Let's rise to the challenge and show Michigan what the Lions can do! Together, we can grow stronger, serve more, and build a brighter future for MD11.

The world needs more Lions. Let's make it happen—3 members at a time!

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DISTRICT 11-C2 ANNUAL



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH, 2025

Grand Ledge Masonic Temple
200 River St.
Grand Ledge, MI

BINGO, SILENT AUCTIONS, RAFFLES

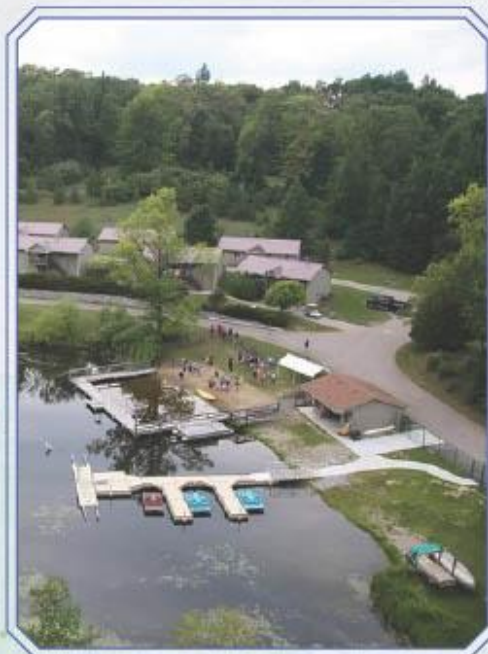
COST \$15

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

SOCIAL 6:00 PM

BUFFET DINNER 6:30 PM

*Each club is asked to donate
an unwrapped \$10 or more
gift for the silent auction



Lion Traci Tribble PDG
3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446
989-277-7437

RSVP by April 1st, 2025
with check & registration

Public Welcome

Contact Name _____ **Phone** _____

Name of those attending _____

This event is sponsored by Lions of District 11-C2

Do you know someone who has trouble seeing or reading words? Difficulty turning pages?

RADIO READING SERVICE can help!

WHAT IS WKAR RADIO READING SERVICE (RRS)?

WKAR Radio Reading Service is a 24/7 free reading service to individuals who cannot access traditional reading materials due to visual, physical or cognitive conditions.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

ORIGINS

Radio Reading Services was created by WKAR's Dick Estell in 1973, as Radio Talking Book.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Participants must meet at least one of these qualifications:

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

RRS CONTENT INCLUDES:

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

HOW IS RADIO READING SERVICE FUNDED?

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

VOLUNTEERING

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

FOR APPLICATION, MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

Brad Walker Phone: (517) 884-4746 Email: bradw@wkar.org

TO CONTRIBUTE TO RADIO READING SERVICE

- [Donate to WKAR Radio Reading Service](#)
- Call: (517) 884-4747





LUV Days at the Detroit Auto Show

Lions of the United States Vision Screening Week kicked-off on January 11 at the Detroit International Auto Show. Thank you to all of the Michigan Lions who were able to help at the auto show: (10) PID Jenny Ware (11-A1) PDG Ron and DG LaWonna Coleman, VDG Kim and Maryanne Hooper and grandson Matthew Reynolds, PCC John Daoud, PDG Jim Williams, PDG Charlie Cone, Ted Robinson, Bob Williams, Clay Galameau, Eric Thompson, Adam Karl and Jennifer, Sam Abbott-McQuin, Rachel Abbott-McQuin, Heba Hamood, Darby Naughton, Faiqa Shah, Bryan Winsten, David Felker, James Mabson, Grace Vareen, Eddie and Jamie Jo Constineau (11-B1) CC Terri Huffman and Kim Creger (11-B2) PCC Ron Gibson (11-C1) PDG Dr. Bob Hohendorf, Ken Adamy, Sandra Graham and Becci Schumaker (11-C2) PDG Lloyd Kilbreath, Doug Klein and Chad and Mary McCann (11-D2) ID Dave and Lindy Wineman, PID Justin Faber and Dave and DG Judy Keller (LCD) Daniel Elkins and Billy Michels.





NEED HELP MANAGING DIABETES?

Attend a free 6-week workshop

Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is an interactive workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Get on the PATH to better health!

Learn how to:

- Eat healthy
- Create balanced meal plans
- Decrease stress
- Get physically active
- Balance your blood sugar
- Improve communication skills
- Problem solve and make decisions
- Deal with difficult emotions
- Prevent complications
- Action plan
- Improve your overall health, increase your energy, and more!



UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Dewitt District Library
13101 Schavey Rd. – Dewitt
Meet in the Annex Building
Thursdays, April 10 – May 15, 2025
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Workshop is free of charge, but donations accepted.

To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org



For a full schedule visit: <https://www.tcoa.org/classes/evidence-based-programs/>



Workshops made available in whole or part with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act and MDHHS/Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports through the TCOA.



**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 here **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/MV1bG1hZ2EoxHv7w6>

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

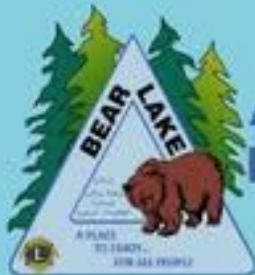
May 10th, 2025

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



Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Tickets \$60 per person OR \$400 Table of 8

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club!

3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails!

Raffles! Door prizes! Silent Auctions! Hourly Drawings!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Silver \$500

See the second page for sponsorship and event details.

Order your tickets today online

www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab"

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, Mi 48446

For More information Contact

Jack Patton japlapelp@gmail.com 248-535-9011

Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org 810-245-0726

Rick Fleming rick.metamoracc@yahoo.com 248-969-2120



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.

MARCH 13-16, 2025

📍 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

🌐 bearlakecamp.org



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING FAMILY CAMP

AUGUST 1-3 2025



Come enjoy a fun themed weekend for families of deaf & hard of hearing children. It is geared to meet the unique needs of children who use listening & spoken language as their primary mode of communication.

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Swimming & Boating
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zipline
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Making Friends
- ✓ Much More!!

PARENTS WILL ENJOY

- ✓ Informative sessions about current issues
- ✓ Networking & sharing with other parents and families
- ✓ Family activities & bonding
- ✓ Creative break from the daily grind!

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

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Register Online

More Info jfisch10@emich.edu 810-245-0726



Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: **August 3-9, 2025**



Become a Host Family

Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a few weeks during the summer of 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 26 – August 16, 2025.

Host families need not be Lions members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: [Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange](https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange) (<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange>)

Your help is needed!



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.**

- **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: _____

How to Connect in a Disconnected World

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

In the age of smartphones, streaming services, and online platforms, the ways we connect with one another have changed dramatically. Yet, as much as technology seems to bring us closer, it may often leave some feeling more alone. Even family and work obligations may erode over time leaving people “up in the air.”

Evidence of a lack of cohesion and the disintegration of public civil society is all too easily seen in our lives today. To counteract that feeling of loneliness, many people have regained a sense of place and purpose in their local communities by meeting with others and sharing their personal stories face-to-face.

These critical conversations are necessary to establish and maintain the personal connections that bind a community together. A new aid to help Michigan Lions better prepare for those conversations of is a small booklet that is making its way around Lions Clubs called the “Recruiter’s Passport – Pocket Reference: Sharing My Story.” Here is why effective use of this reference booklet is so important:



In his groundbreaking book “Bowling Alone,” sociologist Robert Putnam warned of the dangers of declining social capital—the networks and relationships that enable communities to thrive. One of the most concerning trends he identified was the dwindling participation in civic organizations, which historically fostered these critical connections.

The decline of membership in such groups coincides with rising rates of social isolation. Humans are wired for connection, and when we lose opportunities to interact face-to-face, we feel the impact not just emotionally, but physically. Numerous studies have shown that loneliness can be as damaging to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

The disappearance of civil society is not inevitable. By investing in organizations like Lions Clubs, we can reverse this trend and build stronger, more connected communities. As we often say, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.” But perhaps just as important, where there’s a Lion, there’s a community coming back to life.

Sociologist Ray Oldenburg introduced the concept of the “third place” in his influential work, identifying the importance of spaces that exist outside of the home (the “first place”) and the workplace (the “second place”). According to Oldenburg, these third places are essential for fostering vibrant communities and nurturing social ties. They serve as informal public gathering spots where people can come together, share ideas, and build relationships.

Lions get together in restaurants, meeting rooms, coffee shops, libraries, parks, and community centers where connections are made and ideas flourish. Lions Clubs meetings and events are shining examples of intentional third places, offering spaces where people of all walks of life can come together for a shared purpose: service.

A Lions meeting is a chance to step out of the daily grind, engage in meaningful dialogue, and feel a sense of belonging. Whether organizing a fundraiser for a local food pantry or collaborating to bring vision screenings to children, Lions create a space where members are seen, heard, and valued. In a world where many feel isolated, Lions Clubs provide a lifeline. As one member put it, “Being a Lion means being part of something bigger than yourself. It’s a way to give back, but also to connect with people who care about the same things you do.”

So, if you know of friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers who may be feeling the pull of disconnection or searching for a way to make a difference, consider inviting them to hear your personal “Lions story” and then join you in a visit to your local Lions Club event. Ask them to help with your next service project.

They might just find Lions to be more than a community service organization; they might find a second home, a third place, and a renewed sense of belonging. And our Lions Clubs can also increase our member numbers to enable even more service.



Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Lions Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair, and MD11 State PR / Information Chair and Marketing Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association’s national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at (517) 775-8601 or at dougklein@usa.net by email.