



May 2026

Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

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From the desk of the Governor



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CONVENTION SEASON!

I forgot since last year how busy this season is -- whew! As a District Governor on the State Council of Governors, I am invited to all the district conventions in Michigan. Needless to say, I have not made them all, but I am very happy to report that (with Council Chair Becky's help) I have done more than I expected.



Once again, thanks to my team for coming through. As always, a shout out to IPDG Carl for driving me to several of those conventions. It is nice to see how different districts celebrate their accomplishments and honor the Lions they have lost. (I am certain we have the best celebration of service though, because we have the best team.)

I appreciate all the participation and help with our last district cabinet meeting in Durand. From Lion Kay and her beautiful handiwork to Lion Dick and his fabulous cake (and to all my team – in handling the business of the meeting), I think it went very well.

A special thank you to Lion Tom Doyle for all his hard work on our district's screening and educational projects for diabetes prevention and awareness.

I am working hard at finishing strong. We are still looking for assistance to further these remaining initiatives, so any help clubs can bring is appreciated:

- **THE HUNGER GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR A REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER AT HELPING HANDS**
- **BUILDING NEW LIONS CLUBS IN THE LANSING AREA**
- **LCIF DONATIONS (from both clubs and members)**



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Bit of Wisdom



...at the District 11-C2 Cabinet Meeting in Durand on April 24, 2026



St. Johns Lions Club

Four members of the St. Johns Lions Club traveled to Dutch Hollow Golf Course in Durand on April 24 for a Lions of District 11-C2 Cabinet meeting. It was the fourth and final meeting of the fiscal year for current District Governor Aleta Cozart who has been an inspiring leader. Next year, Lion Kenny Kinsey 1VDG assumes the role of District Governor. There was a good turnout, delicious food, and a lot of helpful information shared. Pictured below (L-R): Lions Carrie Hartenburg, Kenny Kinsey 1VDG (standing), Marilyn Witter, and Duane Witter PDG.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club

ER Lions were back at Family Fare collecting for White Cane and asking people to please consider a donation so we can continue helping the visually impaired.

Around the District



Around the District

Durand Lions Club at Durand Hometown Days



St. Johns Lions Club

Members of the St. Johns Lions Club had a lot of fun at Culver's of DeWitt on Monday, April 13, participating in the "Share Night" fundraiser. Thank you to servers: Lions Pauline Baert, Laurie Blackmer, Jeff & LuAnn Cannell, Kim Chapko, and Bob & Gwyn Jansen, and to our onsite coordinator, Lion Nancy Presocki.



Thank you also to the other Lions Club members who showed up with their family, friends, and neighbors to support this fundraiser. There were a lot customers throughout the evening who were generous with their tips. It was especially busy between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. with daddy's and their beautifully dressed daughters who stopped by Culver's before heading off to a daddy-daughter dance. A big THANK YOU to Culver's of DeWitt for supporting our club. Money raised will help fund the \$500 community service scholarships we award to two deserving St. Johns High School seniors.

Vermontville Lions Club

Vermontville Lions honoring our veterans for the America 250 Semiquincentennial Celebration in the Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade.



Lions of Michigan District 11-C2

A fundraiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp was held in Grand Ledge on April 3, 2026. This great event featured dinner, a silent auction, raffles, and fun!



Thanks for
hosting
Grand Ledge!



Around the
District

Mason Lions Club

Rachel VanHouten of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan spoke with members of the Mason Lions Club on Wednesday, April 22 at Bestsellers Extra. She noted that Mason has about 130 girls in the Girl Scouts!



Service work with great Lions and the Kidney Foundation on April 22 at Catholic Charities.

Around the District



DeWitt Lions Club

Four members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club participated in the health screening on April 22 at Catholic Charities: Lions Sharon DeBar, Mae Luchetti, George Walter, and Tom Doyle.

Here are a couple events that **Hartland Lions Club** worked for Environment Week:



Cleaning up Settlers Park in Hartland -- pictured Left to Right: Lion Larry Ciofu, Lion Angela Yarber and PDG Kurt Stromlund



PDG Kurt Stromlund working a Earth Day Expo collecting glasses

Laingsburg Lions Club

Laingsburg Lions Club Chicken Dinner is almost here! Preorders are accepted through Thursday. Scan the QR code or click the link below to reserve your meals before they're gone. This is a drive-thru event at the Laingsburg ECEC located at 320 E. Grand River Rd., making pickup quick and easy for everyone. Your support helps the Lions continue serving our community. See you next Saturday!

Preorder:

<https://forms.gle/hDsLy68bCrKfbkc17>

Laingsburg Lions Club CHICKEN DINNER!

Saturday, May 9th • 12pm – 4pm

Dinners include
1/2 Chicken BBQ
or plain,
Baked potato,
corn, roll & dessert.
Cost: \$15



Preorder here:



Laingsburg ECEC
320 E. Grand River,
Laingsburg, MI



Extra dinners available on first
come, first serve basis.



Around the
District



Owosso Lions Club

This fantastic group of Lions logged a total of 24 volunteer hours on April 18. They started the day cooking breakfast and packing lunches. Then they moved to the other side of town and screened lots of kids eyes for Project Kid Sight.



...out and about with the **Grand Ledge Lions Club**

Around the District



Eaton Rapids Lions Club

ER Lions Gettin-It-Done!! Great job Lions! Thank you for keeping the community clean!



Grand Ledge Lions Club

Congratulations to Jade Queen! The Grand Ledge Lions are proud to recognize Jade as our Student of the Month! Your remarkable skills, dedication, and hard work truly set you apart. We are excited to see all the amazing things you will accomplish in the future—this is only the beginning! Keep shining and inspiring those around you.





Mason Lions Club

Lions Tracy Temple, Karen Routson, Jeff Routson, and Kay Olson were with the Mason Lions Club Mason, Mi. at the Spring Fling Courthouse Show in downtown Mason on Saturday, May 2, 2026. They helped the community know more about Leader Dog, Eversight, Braille Transcription, Bear Lake Camp and other state causes. It was fun, but very COLD!



Around the District



St. Johns Lions Club

Lions Nancy Presocki, Bonnie Smith, John & Sue Triantaflos, Duane & Marilyn Witter, Pauline Baert, Nancy Baker, Laurie Blackmer, LuAnn Cannell, Dean Hartenburg, Cheryl Hickey, Bob & Gwyn Jansen, Kenny Kinsey, Gloria Carnicom (project lead), Kim Chapko, Lannie Fisher, Carrie Hartenburg doing White Cane in their community.



Durand Lions Club

Lions Kent, Becky, Ted, and Kathy are pictured here with Pastor John White of the Village Bible Church in Byron. Durand Lions held a food collection at their April 9 meeting and dropped the food off at the church's pantry. WE SERVE!



Vermontville Lions Club

It is very important that our Great Vermontville Community understand that Lions Club members from communities around us came to the Festival to serve our Vermontville Community. It would not be appropriate if we neglected to mention these great Lions and their home clubs (if I miss anyone it is not intentional!): Olivet Lions Club - Chuck and Irene Vasilion, Charlotte Lions Club - John Messner, Eaton Rapids Lions Club - Liam Britton and Brandi Epler, Ashley Lions Club - Brent Beracy

Grand Ledge Lion Club - Dick and Judy. Thank you so much for making sure the Chicken Dinner and the 50/50 fundraisers were successful!



Around the District

Save the Date!

Family Friendly **UNO** TOURNAMENT

DISTRICT 11-C2

FALL FUNDRAISER FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

MASONIC TEMPLE, GRAND LEDGE MI

NOV 2026

Around the District

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 9th, 2026

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



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

PLEASE RSVP TO:

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org

ST. JOHNS LIONS CLUB

50/50 RAFFLE!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

OWOSSO SPEEDWAY

MAY 9, 2026

TICKETS: \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5!

Mason Lions Club

Lions Dar and Amber VanAntwerp sort eyeglass cases for a new display of how to reuse empty cases for personal care and storage projects. The display was presented for the first time at the Lions booth at the Mason Spring Fling Show.



Around the District

St. Johns Lions Club

It was a sunny day for the St. Johns Lions Club Adopt-A-Highway spring roadside cleanup. It started off in the low 30's temperature-wise at 8:00 a.m. but quickly warmed up. It was a grueling morning as a team of nine people slogged through wet grass to pick up rain-soaked trash that was heavier than usual. Five people covered the north end of Business 27, and four people covered the south end. A project that usually takes less than two hours to complete took three full hours. A total of 22 full bags of trash were picked up. The most lucrative item found was a \$1 bill that survived heavy rain. The most unusual item found was a fuzzy antler from someone's vehicle. Maybe they ran over Rudolph. Thanks to a great team of workers, including Nancy Baker and her sister, Sue, Laurie Blackmer, Jeff & LuAnn Cannell, Gloria Carnicom, Kim Chapko, Lannie Fisher, and Rebekah Snyder. Lion Lannie Fisher, who has coordinated the club's Adopt-A-Highway project for decades, is stepping down from that position and officially handed over the baton, or in this case a trash picker, to Lion Kim Chapko. Thank you, Lion Lannie, for your long-time commitment.



District 11-C2 Lions Clubs

Lions in Eaton County hosted a "Lions Gathering at the Quarry" near Charlotte on Wednesday, April 8th kicking off a season of service and fundraising for the Helping Hands Food Pantry with all of Lions of Michigan District 11-C2.

Many mid-Michigan Lions Clubs sent delegates to join in learning about E2TUG, the Charlotte Food Pantry, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation Hunger Grant.


SAVE THE DATE! Look for information on a celebratory fundraising dinner to be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at the Charlotte Senior Center!





Mason Lions Club



On April 24, 2026, as part of Mason's annual "Celebrate Community" project, the Mason Lions Club joined together with their local Optimist Club, Kiwanis Club, and Rotary Club to commemorate Arbor Day and the 250th anniversary of our country's independence. Each club purchased an American Elm to represent an "America 250 Liberty Tree" in tribute to the trees of the 18th century that served as rallying places for colonists protesting British rule. Each tree is planted in a local park that that club has helped revitalize in some way.



Mason Lions Club America 250 Liberty Tree

In the 18th century, large trees across the American Colonies were popular meeting places. These "Liberty Trees" became rallying points for colonists protesting the rule of Britain over the American Colonies. In 2026, we mark the 250th Anniversary celebration of July 4, 1776, when the United States Declaration of Independence was published by the Continental Congress. In recognition, the planting of this new Liberty Tree, an American Elm, has been made possible by our Mason Service Clubs and the City of Mason, a National Arbor Day Foundation "Tree City USA," through the Mason Legacy Tree Program.

Arbor Day, April 24, 2026
Bicentennial Park, Mason, MI


Congratulations to Mason Service Clubs Arbor Day Honoree

Celebrated April 24, 2026

An American Elm tree will be planted in each of the following parks by each Service Club.



**Rayner Park
Rotary Club**



**Bond Park
Optimist Club**



**Lee Austin Park
Kiwanis Club**



**Bicentennial Park
Lions Club**



Mason Service Clubs to Plant "Liberty Trees" for Arbor Day and America 250

In a united show of community spirit and patriotism, members of the Mason Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist, and Rotary Clubs will each plant a "Liberty Tree" in Mason city parks on Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, 2026, as part of the "Celebrate Community" initiative and the nationwide America 250 commemoration.

In partnership with the City of Mason, the tree plantings will take place at the following locations: Rayner Park at 11:30 a.m. (Rotary Club), Bond Park at 12:00 p.m. (Optimist Club), Austin Park at 12:30 p.m. (Kiwanis Club), and Bicentennial Park at 1:00 p.m. (Lions Club). The public is encouraged to participate.

The City of Mason, long recognized for its commitment to Arbor Day traditions, has named Mason Service Clubs as the 2026 Arbor Day Honoree. Doug Klein, secretary of the Mason Lions Club and past Arbor Day Honoree, coordinated the project's activities and fundraising efforts.

"This year we celebrate our nation's patriotic milestones and are proud to share our collective success with our international organizations and the mid-Michigan community," said Klein. "Together, we are planting the roots of liberty in Mason and to strengthening our shared spirit of service."

Each participating club committed to raising \$270 by March 1, 2026, to fund the purchase of an American Elm tree through the City of Mason Legacy Tree Program. Fundraising began on September 15, 2025, as part of the annual Celebrate Community kickoff.

"We know the heart of Mason is its volunteers," said Elaine Ferris, a member of the Mason Tree Commission and the Mason Kiwanis Club. "When we work together, our impact grows. These trees symbolize not only environmental stewardship but also our deep commitment to serving others." Mason's dedication to urban forestry was earned its recognition as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Celebrate Community" is a national initiative uniting four major service organizations—Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International—to promote collaborative service projects. First launched in 2021, the initiative has been carried out annually in Mason for five consecutive years.

Past collaborative efforts in Mason have supported a range of community causes, including the COVID-19 Hunger Walk (2021), childhood cancer initiatives such as Sparrow Harvest and Maggie's Wig 4 Kids of Michigan (2022), and contributions to the Friends of the Mason Library and the Mason Area Historical Society (2023-2024) for renovation projects.

For the 2026-2026 campaign, the service clubs have returned to their roots—literally—by partnering with the City of Mason to plant Liberty Trees. The project highlights each organization's environmental stewardship and civic pride, honoring proud American values while reinforcing the importance of local volunteerism. Organizations hope each tree will stand as a lasting symbol of freedom, hope, and community service for generations to come.

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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 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. "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>.

UPCOMING LIONS OF MICHIGAN EVENTS

May 14-16, 2026
MD11 Lions Convention
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire



SHANTY CREEK RESORT

July 3-7, 2026
LCI Convention
Hong Kong China

September 3 - 5, 2026
USA/Canada Forum
Memphis, TN

Check Lions of Michigan website for updates &
additional information:

www.lionsofmi.com

MAY 14-16, 2026

MD II LIONS CONVENTION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**THURSDAY PICNIC AT CELLAR 1914
FRIDAY RENAISSANCE WELCOME PARTY
SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION
S.A. DODGE AWARDS BANQUET
SHANTY CREEK, BELLAIRE, MICHIGAN**

PREPARE TO BE MERRY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MD 11 Convention May 14-16, 2026

**Lakeview Hotel,
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire**

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Convention Kick-off Picnic Cellar 1914, 5833 Shooks Rd, Central Lake Charlevoix Lions Club famous grilled chicken dinner! Beverages available at Cellar 1914. Meet in front of hotel at 5:30 to carpool or arrive on your own. Cost: \$20/person

Friday, May 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

10:00 a.m. Grass River Nature Area Tour

Enjoy a guided tour at the Grass River Natural Area is a 1,502-acre nature preserve surrounding the Grass River, located in the heart of Antrim County. Cost: \$10/person

1:15 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2026-2027 Planning Meeting

Friday Breakout Sessions

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2:00 Hear What's New at
Leader Dogs for the Blind

3:00 Skegemog Raptor Center
featuring raptor ambassadors

Welcome Reception -

Renaissance Themed Evening 6:00 p.m.

Dress in your medieval finest and
Prepare to be Merry!

A banquet feast and entertainment
await you in the banquet hall

**9:30 p.m. HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN -
Continue the Merriment!**

Saturday, May 16, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast

Special Guest Speaker

Lion Hayley Laskowski, Board Member,
Michigan Ski for Light

10:30 a.m. Business Session

Featuring LCI updates from President Singh and news from around our state with updates from our State Project leaders

Saturday Breakout Sessions

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Women in Leadership -

Join us for a panel discussion from leaders in the field! PID Esther LaMothe, PID Jenny Ware, Council Chair-Elect Cheryl Anderson. Invited: PID Sangeeta Jatia, LCI guest

3:00 p.m. When there's a need, there's a Lion!

Learn how to successfully apply for a Community Grant, available to all Lions Clubs - one of the many grants available through LCI

S.A. Dodge Awards Banquet

5:30 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. Cocktail Reception
honoring S.A. Dodge Recipients

5:30 p.m. Lions of Michigan \
All State Band performance

6:50 p.m. Memorial Recognition

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Address by Lions International
President, A.P. Singh, India

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 S.A. Dodge
Recipients: PDG Cheryl Anderson, Council
Chair-Elect, 11 C1 & VDG Larry Wegrzyn, 11 A1

**Hospitality Room open at the close of the
banquet - Continue the Merriment!**



2026 MD 11 Lions Convention
LCI Guest Speaker President A.P. Singh
Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.

May 14-16, 2026 Lakeview Hotel & Conference Center
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI
Reservations: 231.533.3000 Room Rate: \$119 +tax/fees
Register early for discounted rate by: 4.14.26

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday 5/14/26 Picnic @ \$20.00 Cellar 1914	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$20.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$20.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Grass River Nature Area Tour \$10.00	\$ _____
_____ Friday Renaissance Party@ \$30.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Awards Breakfast@ \$18.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$40.00 person	\$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Entrée: ___ Regular Entrée ___ Vegetarian/Gluten Free

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

*Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless the registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 5, 2026**. No refunds after **May 1, 2026**. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at Lakeview Hotel, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.*



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

Fellow Lions,

On behalf of the MD 11 Lions Convention Committee, we wish to personally invite you to celebrate our 106th Annual MD 11 Lions Convention, to be held at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI, May 14-16, 2026. The committee is excited to announce our LCI guest speaker this year will be President A.P. Singh of Kolkata, India. ***This will be the first time we have had a seated president as our guest since President Ralph Lyman in 1979 – 47 years ago!***

For those arriving early on Thursday, you are invited to join us for our ever-popular kickoff picnic, to be held at Cellar 1914 in nearby Central Lake. Check out this winery online at www.cellar1914.com to find out more. Charlevoix Lions Club will grill up their delicious chicken dinner, and we'll find out first-hand what put this club on the map!

Friday morning provides the opportunity to attend a guided tour at Grass River Natural Area, and of course Friday night's Welcome Party promises to be a night to remember. **Prepare to be Merry** as we celebrate Renaissance style. Falcons, archery demonstrations, music and merriment - costumes are **strongly** encouraged!

Learn at the convention. Hear from Skegemog Raptor Center, a nonprofit dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured birds of prey, environmental education, and the protection of raptor habitat through community engagement and conservation efforts. Learn from a panel of experts on Women in Leadership and attend a session on Successful LCIF Grant Application, which will provide insight into available grants for every club. More details on breakout sessions to come.

Saturday's Awards Breakfast speaker will be Lion Haley Laskowski, board member for Michigan Ski for Light. Ski for Light is celebrating 50 years of service with a mission to promote the physical fitness of visually and mobility impaired adults, in an environment where "we can't" is replaced with "we can." We'll end the night with the S.A. Dodge Awards Banquet and our special guest LCI President A.P. Singh. This year's S.A. Dodge recipients are IPDG Cheryl Anderson, 11 C1, and 1st VDG Larry Wegrzyn, 11 A1.

Consider sponsorship this year - from the Heart of a Lion sponsorship to the Platinum level, there is room for you at the convention. With your support, we can provide an exciting convention experience for all.

We hope you will share this information with fellow Lions and encourage attendance at this year's 106th Annual MD 11 Lions Convention at Shanty Creek. Help us achieve our goal of representing each club in Michigan by sending one member to attend this year!

Come to learn, network, celebrate, and be ready for another memory-making convention.

Sincerely,

PDG Dave & Lion Brenda Hacker
Convention Co-Chairs

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This month's article is an assortment of miscellaneous thoughts.

Money donated to LCIF can come back to our district! Currently several clubs are working together on a hunger grant to benefit the Helping Hands food bank in Charlotte. Other Michigan districts have received grants for shelters and food bank equipment. And of course, many areas of Michigan have received disaster relief grants after tornadoes and floods.

As background information, the matching grants for things like shelters and hunger projects require the sponsoring clubs to provide 25% of the total grant amount. This money is raised through local fundraisers and help from area businesses. Grants for disaster relief do not require us to match any funds.

DG Aleta Cozart still has some Michigan shaped "I Love LCIF" pins available and is accepting donations at club visits. I also have some remaining and accept donations at cabinet meetings. The suggested donation is \$10, but all amounts are welcome.

Along with all the other planning he has to do, DGE Kenny Kinsey is already making plans for LCIF fundraising for the 2026-27 Lions year. We have a fun fundraiser planned thanks to a suggestion from Owosso Lion Jody Sivyver. Stay tuned!

This is a small technicality. Recently I've heard mention of **LCI** grants in conversations and have seen the same reference in flyers. Because the grants come from the Foundation, they are correctly named **LCIF** grants.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! to those who've been able donate to the Lions Clubs International Foundation this Lions year! As of April 26, we have donated \$14,239 toward the \$22, 029 goal set by the Foundation for our district. We're almost 65% of the way there!

There are many worthy organizations asking us to part with our hard-earned money. If your circumstances allow, please consider including a donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation in your giving. Every dollar helps!

Thank you! 😊

PDG Karen Routson
District 11-C2 LCIF Coordinator
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://frb.gy/2dij85>



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 douglein@usa.net or call him at (517) 775-8601 to check current availability and to reserve.





LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP PANTRY CHALLENGE



Stock the Shelves. Support the Mission. Make an Impact.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Lions Clubs and Individuals are invited to come together and help stock our kitchen with specific, high-use items that directly support our campers. These are not general donations. These are the exact items we rely on every single day.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES – PLEASE READ

Items must be NEW and recently purchased
NO expired, dented, or damaged items
Must match EXACT sizes and descriptions
Preferred store: Gordon Food Service (GFS)

#10 CANS (FOODSERVICE SIZE ONLY) (preferably in cases of 6)

#10 Cans Diced Pineapple
#10 Cans Applesauce
#10 Cans Mandarin Oranges
#10 Cans Green Beans
#10 Cans Carrots
#10 Cans Mixed Fruit
#10 Cans Apple Pie Filling
#10 Cans Cherry Pie Filling
#10 Cans Blueberry Pie Filling
#10 Cans Spaghetti Sauce
#10 Cans Salsa
#10 Cans Chickpeas
50 Ounce Cans Cream of Chicken Soup
50 Ounce Cans Tomato Soup

INDIVIDUAL SNACK ITEMS (SNACK SIZE ONLY)

Regular Lays Chips – Snack Size Bags
Fritos – Snack Size Bags
Lays Barbeque Chips – Snack Size Bags
Oreos – Individual Serving Snack Packs
Animal Crackers – Individual Serving Snack Packs
Rice Krispie Treats – Individual Snack Bars
Goldfish – Individual Snack Size Bags
Fruit Snacks – Individual Serving Bags

DRINKS

Non-Perishable Juice Boxes –
40 Count Cases Only

S'MORES & TREATS

Hershey Chocolate Bars – Full Size
Graham Crackers – Full Boxes
Marshmallows – Regular Size Bags

To coordinate drop off of donations contact:

Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org
Chrissy Andre chrissy@bearlakecamp.org



CLINTON COUNTY CHAMPIONS BRANCH CLUB



SPRING MIXER

MAY 8th, 2026



6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S K OF C HALL, 1108 OLD US 27, ST JOHNS, MI 48879

POTLUCK DINNER, MUSIC AND GAMES & GET TOGETHER!

BYO N.A. BEVERAGE

CC Champs Lions are excited to host this social event! Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and memorable evening for our athletes, families and friends.

- Come on out and have some fun!
- Tangy meatballs and rolls are already on the menu!
- No transportation or caregivers available
- Many games will be provided. Bring your favorite to share!

Got Questions? Call Brent @ 989-847-2803 (voice or text) or bberacy@hotmail.com

Stay curious. Stay growing.



WISDOM WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, May 6th

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

Club Excellence 2027 You Got This!

Want your club to stand out? Hear directly from 1st International Vice President Mark Lyon as he unveils the new criteria for achieving the LCI Club Excellence Award for the 2026–2027 Lions year.

Get informed. Get motivated. Be that award-winning club!

Featuring: Mark Lyon



Register once. Join every month.

<https://bit.ly/LUSAWisdom>

Questions? info@lionsusa.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 \$: _____



Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI. 48446
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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



21st Annual GOLF CLASSIC



Boulder Pointe
Golf Club

Ranked #1 public golf course in the metro Detroit area

June 8th, 2026

Boulder Pointe Golf Club
1 Championship Drive, Oxford, MI

Please join us for the 21st Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic.

Boulder Pointe Golf Club, ranked the #1 public course in metro Detroit, features three distinctive 9-hole layouts—Bluffs, Peaks, and Dunes—offering endless 18-hole combinations ranging from just over 5,000 to 7,000+ yards, perfect for both relaxed play and serious competition. that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Course Contests
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner
Door Prizes & Raffles

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 9:00am
Shotgun Start 10:00am
Awards Dinner 3:00pm

EVENT FEES

Player \$125
Foursome \$500

Register Now



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EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

Event Sponsorship \$2,000

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the golf event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as course signage and recognition on event materials.
Includes golf for eight players and awards dinner.

Dinner Sponsorship \$1,500

Sponsor's name will be featured at the awards dinner, on course signage, and on event materials. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be featured on event materials and hole signage. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

Beverage Cart or Special Event Sponsorship \$500

Sponsor's name will be featured on multiple beverage carts or special event hole signage throughout the day.

Hole Sponsorship \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on signage at one hole.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Captain _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Player 2 _____
Player 3 _____
Player 4 _____
Sponsorship Level _____ Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

To Register Or the Scan QR Code
or visit bearlakecamp.org under
the "Events" tab



Via Registrations & Payments to: 346 Homing 1 Championship Drive Oxford, VT 05837/1



Join us for a night of fun,
entertainment & baseball
at Jimmy John's Field!



Lions Bear Lake Camp FUNDRAISER



**MAMMOTHS VS. BEAVERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - 7:05 PM
GATES OPEN 6 PM**

Group Perks Include:

- *Game seating in party patio area*
- *Group photo on the field*
- *Welcome message on the scoreboard*
- *Kids Run the Bases after the game*
- *Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog*
- *Meet & Greet with a team mascot*
- *Free Parking*

Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Sliced Smoked Sausage with Peppers & Onions, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Guests will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, water, and (2) drink vouchers for 12oz. Domestic beer or wine.

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS](#)**



"Your exemplary team made our night smooth and effortless. It was an amazing event and everyone went home happy. Jimmy John's Field is a true field of dreams." - Stewart

WEBBERVILLE LIONS CLUB

6th Annual Golf Outing

Wheatfield Valley Golf Course - Williamston, MI
May 9, 2026 - 9:00 AM - Shotgun Start



A G E N D A

8:00 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

Lunch: Hotdog at the Turn

Dinner: Steak and Mostaccioli

Cash Bar

Awards and Raffle Drawings

Team of 4 Golfers - \$320.00. My payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Individual Golfers - \$80.00 Each. My payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

I made payment of \$ _____ through Pay Pal at webbervillelionsclub@gmail.com.

Name (Golfer 1): _____ Name (Golfer 2): _____

Name (Golfer 3): _____ Name (Golfer 4): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

P.O. Box 615 - Webberville, Michigan 48892 - 517-420-7378 - cmccan@live.com



**JULY
12-18th,
2026**

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP DEAF & HARD OF HEARING YOUTH CAMP Ages 6-16

**This program is for children who use listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication. Our camp focus is building speech, language, and audition skills while participating in traditional camp activities and making positive social connections!*



Register Online
Starting January 1st, 2026



ACTIVITIES:

- Archery
- Swimming, Boating
- Fishing
- Camping and bonfires
- Challenge Course
- Climbing Tower/Zipline
- Team Building
- Nature Exploration
- Evening Programs
- Arts & Crafts
- Much More!



Laingsburg & Ovid Lions Clubs

2026 Golf Outing - 4 Person Scramble

Saturday, August 8

9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

Pine Hills Golf Course

6603 Woodbury Rd.

Laingsburg, Michigan

www.pinehillsmi.com

\$65.00 Each - 18 Holes & Cart

Burgers & sides

Raffle Prizes & Skins Game

All Alcoholic Beverages Must Be Purchased On-site

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



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BEAR LAKE CAMP

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2026 GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Make Checks Payable To: **LAINGSBURG LIONS CLUB**

Send Payments To: 6858 Victoria Shore Dr. - Laingsburg, MI 48848

You can pay with Venmo - @TERRYFOREGOLF

*** DEADLINE - AUGUST 1 2026 ***

Planning Your Own Short Community Group Presentation

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

In our last article, we talked about presenting at conventions and forums. I promised at the end of that piece that in upcoming articles, we will discuss some speaking techniques, how best to practice, and other ways that you can use to make presentations more compelling. But before we get to that, let's back up to cover a slightly different situation.

In this article we'll be changing the venue and audience, so the preparation is also a bit different. Our Lions Clubs have lots of meetings that feature local speakers on a variety of topics of interest to our members. But what if the shoe is suddenly on the other foot? There may be times when you need to represent your Lions Club at the meeting of another organization.

My first opportunity to speak locally as a Lion – right in my own town -- was to present a talk about protecting eye health to other service clubs, seniors, and church organizations. The presentation content and materials came straight from Lions International, but I gave the presentation my own spin. I must have done about five of those presentations.

Whether speaking to a potential partner or raising awareness about a service project, a well-organized short presentation can make a lasting impact. With a short window of time, clarity, focus, and engagement are key. Here's a simple guide to help you plan and deliver an effective presentation that informs, inspires, and motivates action.

Know your audience. Tailor your message to the group you're addressing. Business groups may value networking and leadership opportunities, community organizations may focus on collaboration and impact, and school or youth groups may connect with volunteerism and service learning. The more relevant your message, the more effective it will be.

Plan your presentation deliberately and start with a clear topic and purpose. Before you build your presentation, know your topic well. Then, define a specific goal. Having a clear objective will shape your message and keep your presentation focused.

A short presentation works best when broken into three main parts:

1. Introduction (2–3 minutes). Introduce yourself and your Lions Club. Share a brief overview of Lions Clubs International and your club's mission. Start with a compelling hook: a story, statistic, or question.
2. Main Content (8–10 minutes). Highlight 1–2 key service projects or initiatives. Share real impact: number of people served, community benefits. Include a short story or testimonial to make it personal. Use visuals if possible (physical objects, handouts, or slides).
3. Conclusion & Call to Action (2–3 minutes). Summarize your key message. Clearly state what you want the audience to do (attend an event, partner, join, donate). Provide contact information and invite questions.

Keep It visual and engaging. People remember stories and visuals more than facts alone. Use a small number of simple slides if presented digitally. Include photos of Lions in action. Avoid overcrowding slides with text. If no slides are available, bring printed materials or speak vividly enough to paint a picture.

Practice for timing and flow. Fifteen minutes goes quickly. Practice your presentation to ensure you stay within time limits, your transitions feel natural, and that you emphasize the most important points. Leave several minutes for brief questions.

Your presentation doesn't end when you finish speaking. Share contact details or a flyer, connect with attendees afterward, and follow up with anyone who expressed interest. This is where your presentations turn into partnerships and new opportunities.



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/Marketing and Newsletter Chair, and MD11 State PR / Information 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.