



Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

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From the desk of the Governor



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

It was nice seeing everyone who came out to the Cabinet Meeting on October 22nd at the Delhi Café in Holt. It was a nice turnout. (Sorry it went a little long!)

Please make sure that you are reporting all your Clubs' service, especially service projects, on the Lions Portal.

I am still looking for more Clubs to join in on the contest we're running for a Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Each Club need only contribute \$100 to the District to participate. We have several Clubs signed up, but we need more. See the flyer later in this newsletter for details. I'm still visiting more of our Clubs. If I've not visited yours yet, please get ahold of me soon to get scheduled. I hope everybody has a Happy Thanksgiving!



District 11-C2 Tour of Eversight in Ann Arbor on October 12, 2024

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Bit of Wisdom

Do good for others, it will come back to you in unexpected ways.



Around The District

Elsie Lions Club

On Sept. 7th the Elsie Lions Club held a 50/50 at the Newly Renovated Owosso Speedway, all proceeds were donated to the Elsie Food Pantry. Also, every Sunday after a race Lions members pick up cans and donate proceeds to the Elsie Food Pantry!



Elsie Lions Club member, Arden Densmore, collecting cans from the Owosso Speedway Race Track, Elsie Lions Collected cans after all races this summer, donating all proceeds to the Elsie Area Food Pantry, for a total of \$5,400!



Bretton Woods Lions Club

Bretton Woods Lions took part in the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Trail again this year. Over 700 kids were excited to get the Lions Fizzy Mints that were handed out. The event took place Oct. 9th at the Lansing Mall this year because of construction at Sharp Park.



Vermontville Lions Club

In a great example of community partnership, the Vermontville Lions Club thanks the following for support and sponsorship of their 17th annual Trunk or Treat:

- Kelly Fuels Vermontville Express for donating all the hot dogs, buns, chips, condiments - and \$225.00 of gift cards.
- The Village of Vermontville for the Great Park and outstanding support from Chris Rumsey.
- The Maple Valley Soccer Club - Taylor Cushing for providing the children's games.
- Maple Valley High School - Mr. Sari and the FFA for assisting the trunk contestants in parking their vehicles and policing up the park.

The Vermontville Lions Club is appreciative of everyone that participated. What a great Saturday afternoon!



Breton Woods Lions Club

Lions worked along with many other volunteers building about 50 beds for local needy children Oct. 12th. The local non-profit, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, conducts bed builds and deliveries once a month. Lion Dave Grimes is shown sanding boards.



Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Club Welcomes New Member Lion Angie Penner

Left standing
l-r: Lion Sandy Henkey (sponsor),
Lion Angie Penner

Right l-r: Lioness
Lions Sandy Autenrieth,
Sandy Henkey,
Angie Penner,
Kay Olson





Freedom Hunt at Fort Custer

Another successful Freedom Hunt took place October 16-19 at Michigan Fort Custer. Bretton Woods' Lion Mike Bokovoy was on the original steering committee and works at this event for veterans with a disability each year. Lion Mike starts the program with a hunter safety class. Wood carvings are raffled off, a banquet is held, and of course veterans hunt. Twenty hunters participated on Saturday and 40 on Sunday. A total of 11 bucks were bagged.

Around The District



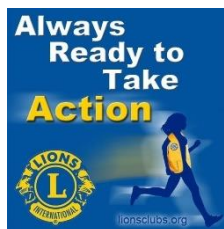
Olivet Lions Club

Olivet Lions Club visited the Lions Leader Dog Training Facility for a tour and presentation. It was a fun and informative day for everyone.



DeWitt Lions Club

DeWitt Breakfast Lions President Tom Doyle presents a \$2000 to Lion Gail Watkins who sits on the Board for Clinton Transit (the Blue Bus) which services the Tri-County area with rides for seniors and the disabled.



DeWitt Lions Club

DeWitt Breakfast Lion Treasurer Lion Sharon DeBar presents Heather from the Tri-County Office on Aging with \$2,000 for Meals on Wheels.

Around The District



Grand Ledge Lions Club

A big thank you to Kirk Venier for spending Tuesday evening speaking with our club about the WKAR Radio Reading Service. They offer a free service for those with difficulty accessing reading materials due to visual, physical, or cognitive conditions.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club

Eaton Rapids Lions are at it again! This time doing Adopt a Highway cleanup! Great job Lions! Anyone interested in joining us for projects please message us!



Bretton Woods Lions Club

Dinner with Bretton Woods Lions Club members and our honored guests, District Governor Carl Cozart and First Vice District Governor Aleta Cozart at OneNorth West.



Around The District

Vermontville Lions Club

17th Annual Vermontville Lions Trunk or Treat Winners:



1st Place: Becky and Mandy Scott - Wizard of Oz



2nd Place: Brittney Miles and Brook Turner - Too Late Petting Zoo



3rd Place: Amanda Nevins - Fall Football Fan Zombies



Bath Township Lions Club

Trunk and Treat was a big success and our club's mascot made some new friends. There were a lot of pictures taken with him.



Saint Johns Lions Club.

Lion Dean Hartenburg, club president, presented Bill Tennant with a \$500 check for the Clinton County Arts Council representing a portion of food trailer sales during the summer concert series. Thank you to the Arts Council and the City of St. Johns for allowing us to be the exclusive vendor for these events -- also to the wonderful patrons who continue to support our food trailer fundraiser.

District 11-C2 Cabinet Meetings

The next Cabinet Meeting of the 2024-2025 Year
will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6 PM
at the Delhi Café in Holt

Please RSVP ASAP if you would like a meal to:
Cabinet Secretary Lion Denise Temple

tsiellyboo@aol.com

PLEASE RSVP TO Lion Denise Temple FOR ALL CABINET MEETINGS.
We need to get our numbers to the restaurants in advance of each meeting.

January 18, 2025, cabinet meeting #3 at the Perry VFW at 9am
March 22, 2025, cabinet meeting #4 at convention in Mt. Pleasant
April 22, 2025, cabinet meeting #5 at Dutch Hollow in Durand at 6pm

Around The
District



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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2025

February 28 - March 1, 2025

Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

KEY SPEAKER WILL BE PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN!

More information to follow.

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!

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

On October 22, 2024, District 11-C2 held its second Cabinet Meeting of 2024-2025 at the Delhi Café in Holt. The meeting had a Halloween theme, and many costumes were quite inventive! Here are a few pictures from the event. The next Cabinet Meeting will be held Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Perry VFW.



District 11-C2 Bi-Zone Stocking Stuffing Service Project
December 3rd, 2024 Bancroft Community Hall
108 Warren St., Bancroft, MI 48414

Schedule:

- **Potluck/Snacks:** 6:00 PM
- **Meeting & Fellowship:** 6:30 PM
- **Stocking Stuffing:** 7:00 PM

Zone Chairs Lions Chrissy Andre and Jody Sivyer invite you to join them for a special stocking stuffing service project benefiting local shelters in Shiawassee, Clinton, and Eaton/Ingham Counties. This year, we aim to assemble 80 stockings to bring holiday cheer to those in need.

We encourage clubs to contribute by donating 80 of the items listed below. Please inform Zone Chairs Chrissy or Jody of your club donations. This way, we can ensure all items are signed up for, and we don't have clubs duplicating donations. Please let us know if your club members have access to other items that may be a good additional stocking stuffer. All members are welcome to participate, and we ask everyone to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Let's make this a meaningful event filled with fellowship and service!

**NOTE: MANY OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONATED.
CONTACT THE ZONE CHAIRS TO SEE WHAT IS STILL NEEDED.**

Donation Items Needed (80 of each):

- Hats- donated by Delta Dewitt Ledges
- Mittens- Donated by Delta Dewitt Ledges
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo- Donated by Owosso
- Conditioner
- Body Wash - donated by Bancroft Lioness
- Shower Poufs
- Chapstick- Donated by Owosso
- Playdough- donated by Bancroft Lioness
- Colored Pencils/Crayons- donated by Bancroft Lioness
- Coloring Books
- Small Stuffed Animals (Beanie Baby type)
- Small Handheld Toys (e.g., Matchbox cars, bracelets)
- Candy- some donated by Delta Dewitt Ledges
- Hairbrushes

We look forward to seeing you there and making a difference together!

Chrissy Andre – chrissyandre113@gmail.com
Jody Sivyer- Jodysivyer@gmail.com

Cabinet Secretary Denise Temple reports that Lion Lioness Dona Gartside PDP has passed away. Lion Dona was an important part of our organization for a long time. She held many titles in the District including: District President, District Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and so many more! She hosted many parties at her home and made many table decorations for the convention in her basement. She was a member of the DeWitt Lioness Club, but then when the Lioness Clubs went away, she became a Charter Member of the Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club. She was their President this year. Please keep her personal family and her Lions family in your prayers.





Eaton Rapids Lions Club

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

"Peace without Limits"

**NOV 6TH 4:00-6:00PM
CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION
EATON RAPIDS AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY
220 S. MAIN ST. EATON RAPIDS, MI**

Art will be displayed until Nov 8th



Public Voting Nov 6-8th

To learn more about the Peace Poster Contest, membership opportunities, or the Eaton Rapids Lions Club

Please contact Lion Brent Beracy
(989) 847-6122 eatonraplions@gmail.com



CLINTON COUNTY CHAMPIONS FALL SOCIAL

FRIDAY

November 15th

6:00pm-9:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
1108 OLD US 27 ST. JOHNS, MI

POTLUCK DINNER, MUSIC, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP
BRING A DISH TO PASS AND B.Y.O.N.A. BEVERAGE

CC Champs Lions are excited to host a fun, safe & memorable evening for athletes, families, & friends.

Area28 SOMI is endorsing, but NOT sponsoring this event.

-50/50 raffle

- Meatballs and rolls are already on the menu!
- No transportation or caregivers available
- Many games will be provided. Bring your favorite to share!

Questions? Contact Lion Brent Beracy

989-847-6122

bberacy@hotmail.com





Harvest Dinner

Proceeds benefit the Olivet Good Neighbor Food Pantry

Sunday, November 10, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or until sold out

Olivet Congregational Church

Suggested donation \$10.00

MENU

Turkey Breast
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Dessert
Beverage

Available for Dine in or
Curbside pick up



Hosted by the Olivet Lions Club

“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**



Michigan Lions Virtual Guiding Lion Training

THURSDAY

Nov 14th 7-8pm

Text (989)847-6122 or email [pdgberacy@gmail](mailto:pdgberacy@gmail.com)
by November 12th to be included!



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





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.**

**** 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

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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: _____

See Your Way Clear to Recycle

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

For many years, Lions Clubs have promoted our well-known service program for recycling old eyeglasses and hearing aids. The program is often included in our Lions Club's publicity about our participation in local events. If we have a booth at a public event or festival, we will often include a request for the public to stop by and drop off those items for recycling. However, while a few members of the public do bring their items to our booth, most either forget or consider it a bit of a hassle.

For the past couple of years, the Mason Lions Club has tested a way to further boost our community's donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. At our Down Home Days and Spring Fling Courthouse Shows and other local community events, our Mason Lions Club has come up with a simple giveaway – a clear plastic bag -- that is working very well.

Each bag we give out has a note enclosed. One side of the note has the names of the downtown Mason locations of our eyeglasses and hearing aid drop boxes. The other side of the note is a promotion for joining our Lions Club. Since these zipper bags are resealable, they work well to keep old eyeglasses and hearing aids that people have collected for recycling well contained while traveling to one of our Lions drop boxes.



We give out clear zipper bags that feature a built-in, die-cut handle. Die-cut carrying handles allow the bag to be held comfortably, just like a shopping bag. They're the perfect bag for our Lions Club to give out at shows and conferences because they are also great for carrying giveaways and brochures.

It is easy to get people to take them as they walk by our booth because we just ask them if they have any old eyeglasses laying around their house. Most answer in the affirmative! They are then given the bag and are told to put their old glasses and hearing aids in the bag as we point out the note inside and explain that they can just bring it to one of our drop boxes later when it is convenient.

After trying out several clear plastic bags from various vendors, our Lions Club began to have concerns about the giveaway plastic bags hurting the environment. (After all, besides vision assistance, environmental protection is another one of Lions causes!) We now purchase 9 x 12, 3 mil clear die cut handle biodegradable zipper bags from a vendor that sells them at a cost of around a quarter for each bag. That makes it a giveaway that is also quite low in cost.

The vendor stresses that it is focusing more on their environmental footprint, without sacrificing quality. All their zipper handle bags are made from 30% recycled materials and are reusable. The biodegradable bags maintain the same feel and quality as standard plastic bags because they mix recycled materials with virgin polyethylene scraps. In this way, they strive to be eco-conscious while also offering high-quality products.

These clear bags are also produced with a D2W additive which make them biodegradable. D2W is made from a by-product of oil refining which used to go to waste. Instead of wasting it, the company captures that waste and produces plastic instead of flaring it off. This D2W is then added to the plastic in these die-cut handle bags which renders them degradable. D2W degradable plastic can still be reused and recycled. The bonus of it is that it will also degrade much quicker and disappear completely in a short timeframe, leaving no harmful residues in our landfills.

The plastic bags are easy to reuse. They make for the perfect gift baggies for any event! At our last Lions Club picnic, we gave out door prizes of water bottles with a Lion drink mix, both enclosed in one of our plastic bags. Whether you're celebrating a bridal shower, a birthday party, or a graduation, the bags give you the flexibility to create many gift bags for your guests.

The resealable plastic bags with handles are great for packing and carrying a lunch as well. The 9 x 12 plastic bags we give out are also good for professional sporting events because they meet the NFL's guidelines for clear stadium bags. These plastic bags are ideal for keeping items secure at games while also allowing for quick passage through security.

Enough about reuse, though. Most importantly, they accomplish well their original use and get more community members involved with our recycling of eyeglasses and hearing aids. Want to check these bags out for yourself? The website is:

<https://www.royalbag.com/9-x-12-3-Mil-Clear-Reclosable-Bags-with-Die-Cut-Handle/product/5325?caseof=100>



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.