

Notable Quotes: "Gratitude is the sign of noble souls." — *Aesop*

November 2024

District Governor's Message



DG Dennis Gocha

It's hard to believe that it's November already. Thanksgiving and the holiday season are just around the corner.

With the holidays, we will be engaging in community service projects and focusing on assisting local communities and people in need. We will be serving by having food drives, toy drives, holiday meals, warm clothing drives, support of the elderly, and holiday fundraisers. I'd really like to see the clubs record their activities in the MyLion system as they complete these activities. Out of our 25 clubs, we only have nine clubs recording service activities. It helps me be aware of what the clubs are doing, and it will give other clubs fundraising ideas and insights. It's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world. It also allows you to become eligible for service awards. My own club, East Jordan, just received the Club Excellence Award for 2023/2024. The one requirement was to record in the MyLion system three service activities, and to start a new service project. So I hope you'll consider this.

I'd also like you to send in your service with photos to this newsletter, so we can all see your activities. Send them to Dave Zimmer (dlzim47@gmail.com). It may spark a service idea for another club.

I thank you for giving your time and resources to improve the lives of others and making a positive impact. I am looking forward to visiting the clubs. If you have anything special happening, a new member to induct, awards to present I would be honored to be there.

Dennis Gocha,
District Governor

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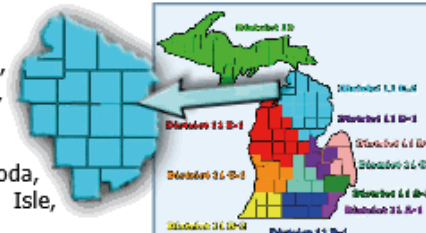
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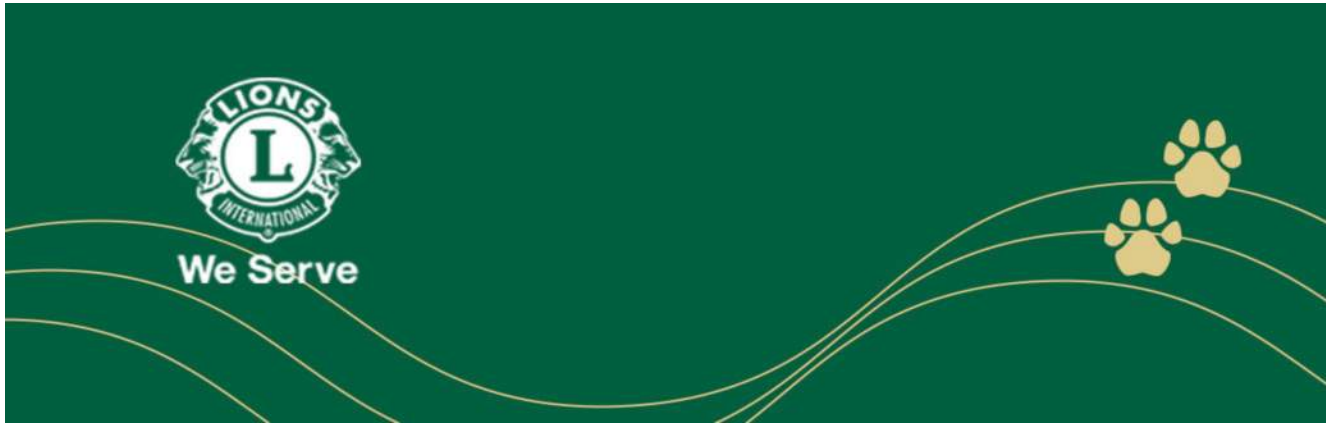
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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
ZC Bill Chase East Jordan Lions Club	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC BJ Sander Alpena Lions Club	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
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**Letter from
the President to You**

**International President
Fabrício Oliveira**

Dear Lion,

Great clubs bring fresh ideas, energy and a strong sense of purpose to our service, and our service gets even stronger when we invite people with diverse backgrounds and experiences to serve with us. When Lions serve together, we have a profound impact on the people we serve—and on the people who serve with us.

One of the best ways we are serving together is through **MISSION 1.5**. So embrace the opportunity to increase your impact, strengthen your club, and include even more of your community in your service.

As we shape the future of our great association, be bold, be welcoming, and above all be Lions.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President



Greetings Lions, Leos and friends.

I am writing to share 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.

International convention is a moment like no other, and I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando, where we will truly make our mark together!

At your service,

Fabício Oliveira
International President

J. Frank Moore III
Past International President
Convention Committee Chairperson



Dear Lions and Leos,

Each time I witness or hear about a service project made possible through an LCIF grant, I am inspired and filled with immense pride because of the innovative ways Lions and Leos across the globe make a difference in our communities. I encourage you to learn more about LCIF grant opportunities to see if there is a grant that can enhance your club's or district's impact in your communities, including a new Vision Grant opportunity that I hope you will explore.

Each and every one of your gifts to the foundation enables LCIF to offer these life-changing grants. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our global foundation, and thank you as well for sharing your stories of service with the world. You are all an important part of our success.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson

New Grant Opportunity: Vision Grant

Building on the legacy of SightFirst, the new Vision Grant program supports Lions-led efforts to combat blindness, prevent vision loss and assist those who are visually impaired.

[Learn More](#) 

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LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter

2024 PUPPY
SPONSORSHIPS
HAVE ARRIVED!



Lionhearted Heroes: Support Our Future Leader Dogs Through Puppy Sponsorships!

This year, we have three incredible puppies with bright futures ahead of them! Each puppy is currently living with a dedicated volunteer puppy raiser, laying the groundwork to become the amazing Leader Dogs we know they can be. We're especially excited to share that two of these adorable puppies are being raised by Lions - they're truly in good paws!

To make things even more exciting, we're launching a friendly competition to see which Lions-raised puppy can collect the most sponsorships. As Lions, we know the power of teamwork and friendly rivalry - let's seize this opportunity to serve together and support our Future Leader Dogs!

When you symbolically sponsor a Future Leader Dog for \$500, you'll receive:

- A personalized puppy profile sheet
- A 5x7 photo of your sponsored puppy
- Four wallet-size photos to share with friends and family
- An official certificate of sponsorship
- A cuddly Future Leader Dog plush toy



Scan here for more information
or to sponsor a puppy!

Your support not only helps our puppies thrive but also transforms the lives of those they will ultimately serve as guide dogs. Thank you, Lions, for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we serve!

You can find the sponsorship form and sponsor a puppy online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy or by scanning the QR code.

LIGHT UP LEADER DOG

I'm excited to invite you to the Light Up Leader Dog event on Monday, November 25, 2024, from 6 – 9 p.m. at our Downtown Rochester facility (323 Walnut Blvd, Rochester, MI 48307).

This year, we're bringing some new festive elements to our celebration! In collaboration with the Rochester Downtown Development Authority's Lagniappe event, we'll be serving free coffee, hot cider and donuts to all who attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather with the community and enjoy some seasonal treats.

Don't forget to stop by our photo booth, where you can take a memorable picture in a sleigh against a beautiful wintry backdrop. Plus, our gift shop will have a selection of Leader Dog branded items for you to check out!

Make sure to bring your lawn chair and blankets to secure your spot for the fireworks show—it promises to be a magical evening!

We're also excited to launch the **Leader Dog Pledge Challenge** during the event. Our goal is to engage 500 generous donors to help us raise \$10,000 to support people who are blind or visually impaired. Every donation counts, and your commitment makes a significant impact on our mission.

I hope you can join us for this festive celebration! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to **visit our event page** or reach out.

Sincerely,

Stephen Moran
Special Events Manager
Leader Dogs for the Blind



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307 US



Dear Lion David,

Thank you for your continued support of Eversight during the 2023-2024 Lions fiscal year. You have remained a loyal advocate for sight restoration through it all.

Your gift this year was instrumental to **our overall impact** and helped us achieve the following milestones:

	<p>Worked with more than 6,500 eye and cornea tissue donors</p>		<p>Gave the gift of sight to more than 8,500 individuals in need of sight-restoring surgeries</p>
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Lions Sight Leaders

Thank you to each of these **Sight Leaders** during the Lions 2023-2024 fiscal year that contributed \$3,000 or more—an amount that helps offset Eversight’s cost of recovering and preparing a cornea transplant. We look forward to recognizing you with a Sight Leaders Banner Patch for your club’s outstanding support.



- Ann Arbor Host Lions Club (MI)
- Bedford Township Lions Club (MI)
- Chesaning Lions Club (MI)
- Empire Lions Club (MI)
- Franklin Lakes Lions Club (NJ)
- Hawthorn Lions Club (NJ)
- Lakewood Area Lions Club (MI)
- Saddle River Valley Lions Club (NJ)
- Shelby Township Lions Club (MI)
- Waldwick Lions Club (NJ)

Sight Supporters

Eversight also thanks and recognizes each of these clubs that contributed between \$500–\$2,999. They will receive a Sight Supporter Collectors pin to display on their banner for their commitment to the gift of sight.



Alto Lions Club (MI)
 Arlington Heights Lions Club (IL)
 Armada Lions Club (MI)
 Bad Axe Lions Club (MI)
 Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club (MI) Bay
 City Lions Club (MI)
 Belvidere Lions Club (NJ)
 Bergenfield Lions Club (NJ)
 Berville Lions Club (MI)
 Beverly Hills Lions Club (MI)
 Birmingham Lions Club (MI)
 Bloomingdale Lions Club (IL)
 Boyne Valley Lions Club (MI)
 Brigantine Lions Club (NJ)
 Buena Vista Township Lions Club (MI)
 Canton Lions Club (MI)
 Casey Lions Club (IL)
 Cass City Lions Club (MI)
 Center Line Lions Club (MI)
 Central Lake Lions Club (MI)
 Charlevoix Lions Club (MI)
 Chassell Lions Club (MI)
 Chester Lions Club (NJ)
 Clawson Lions Club (MI)
 Collinsville/Maryville Evening Lions Club (IL)
 Deckerville Lions Club (MI)
 Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club (MI)
 DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club (MI)
 Dexter Lions Club (MI)
 District 11 D-1 Lions International (MI)
 Dundee Township Lions Club (IL)
 Edmore Lions Club (MI)
 Elburn Lions Club (IL)
 Elmhurst Lions Club (IL)
 Emmett Lions Club (MI)
 Ford River Lions Club (MI)
 Frankfort Lions Club (IL)
 Fraser Lions Club (MI)
 Freeland Lions Club (MI)
 Freeport Lions Club (IL)
 Fremont Lions Club (MI)
 Frenchtown Lions Club (NJ)
 Fruitport Lioness Lions Branch Club (MI)
 Fruitport Lions Club (MI)
 Galena Lions Club (IL)
 Grand Ledge Lions Club (MI)
 Grayslake Lions Club (IL)
 Greenville Lions Club (MI)
 Hampshire Lions Club (IL)
 Harsens Island Lioness Lions Club (MI)
 Harsens Island Lions Club (MI)
 Hartland Lions Club (MI)
 Hastings Lions Club (MI)
 Holt Lions Club (MI)
 Hopewell Valley Lions Club (NJ)
 Hubbard Lake Lions Club (MI)
 Imlay City Lions Club (MI)
 Jackson Host Lions Club (MI)
 Lake Ann Lions Club (MI)
 Lake Orion Lions Club (MI)
 Lanark Lions Club (IL)
 Les Cheneaux Lions Club (MI)
 Lewiston Lions Club (MI)
 Lincoln Lions Club (MI)
 Lincoln Park Lions Club (NJ)
 Livonia Lions Club (MI)
 Marne Lions Club (MI)
 McHenry Lions Club (IL)
 Medford Lakes Lions Club (NJ)
 Metamora Lioness Lions Club (MI)
 Midland Lions Club (MI)
 Moorestown Lions Club (NJ)
 Morris Lions Club (IL)
 Mount Clemens Lions Club (MI)
 Mount Pleasant Lions Club (MI)
 Mount Prospect Lions Club (IL)
 Muskegon Northside Lions Club (MI)
 Naperville Noon Lions Club (IL)
 New Jersey Multicultural Lions Club (NJ)
 New Providence Lions Club (NJ)
 North Branch Lions Club (MI)
 North Warren Lions Club (NJ)
 Oscoda Lions Club (MI)
 Paw Paw Lions Club (MI)
 Plymouth Lions Club (MI)
 Polo Lions Club (IL)
 Riverside Township Lions Club (IL)
 Rochester Hills Lions Club (MI)
 Rochester Lions Club (MI)
 Rockford Lions Club (MI)
 Romeo Lions Club (MI)
 Roscoe Lions Club (IL)
 Rose City Lions Club (MI)
 Royal Oak Lions Club (MI)
 Rutherford Lions Club (NJ)
 Saline Area Lions Club (MI)
 Sayreville Lions Club (NJ)
 St. Joseph Lions Club (MI)
 Sterling Heights Lions Club (MI)
 Stickney-Forest View Lions Club (IL)
 Sycamore Lions Club (IL)
 USA Lions Club (MI)
 Vandercook Lake Lions Club (MI)
 Vicksburg Lions Club (MI)
 Warren Township Lions Club (NJ)
 Washington Lions Club (MI)
 Weidman Lions Club (MI)
 Westland Lions Club (MI)
 Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club (MI)
 Wood Ridge Lions Club (NJ)
 Wyandotte Lions Club (MI)
 Wyckoff Lions Club (NJ)
 Zilwaukee Lions Club (MI)

Remember: Clubs that achieve and remain at the Sight Leader level will be awarded a yearly chevron to complement their initial banner patch. Those that continue to achieve Sight Supporter status will receive a new banner pin each year that they give. As a Sight Leader or Sight Supporter, you will be hearing from Eversight soon so we can award your banner patch or pin.

New for 2024-25 Lions fiscal year: Sight Steward/Partner level

Clubs with contributions of \$250 -\$499 will be recognized with A Sight Partner certificate. There are still eight months left in the year to achieve the Sight Partner level.

Congratulations and thank you again to all clubs recognized. Please spread the good news and share this recognition with your fellow Lions Club members and district leaders. Your service gets us each one step closer to achieving our mutual vision of a world without blindness, one transplant at a time.

Apply for Free Cataract Surgery - Vision of Justice & Lions Club Collab!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A few weeks back, Jason Waechter, an attorney in southeast Michigan, contacted Dr. Jack Baker, our Medical Director for Vision, about his new charity: Vision of Justice. Jason is good friends with Dr. Walter Cukrowski, an ophthalmologist, and Dr. Baker was residency mates with Dr. Cukrowski's dad. Our foundation has also worked with Dr. Cukrowski in the past to help people with eye surgeries.

Mr. Waechter and Dr. Cukrowski are now working together through Vision of Justice to help uninsured and underinsured people who need cataract surgery. Vision of Justice will free-up resources for our foundation and Lions that we can use for our other programs, and there may be other opportunities to partner with Vision of Justice in the future.

Please forward this information to your District contacts and your local eye care providers. Uninsured and underinsured people can apply for free cataract surgery directly through the Vision of Justice website:

<https://www.visionofjustice.com/Apply>.

Thanks!

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From: Shelby Seeley
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Cc: jbaker4051@gmail.com; Jason Waechter
Subject: Apply for Free Cataract Surgery- Vision of Justice & Lions Club Collab!
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:22:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[Vision of Justice- Apply QR Code!.pdf](#)

Hello Mr. Chad McCann,

I'm one of Jason's assistants working on Vision of Justice with him. I wanted to follow up and continue the conversation with you while Jason is working out of town. We are looking for referrals for Vision of Justice, and are so excited to hear you can help us and refer low-income people in need of cataract surgery to Vision of Justice. We are hoping to have at least one qualified candidate selected by Thanksgiving.

Candidates can apply at <https://www.visionofjustice.com/Apply>

We are looking forward to this exciting partnership with the Lions Club! It seems like our mission really aligns with yours, and we are so impressed that your Lions of Michigan Foundation has been helping people with eye surgeries and general eye care since the early 1980's, and has 400 Lions Clubs in Michigan that receive referrals from their local communities.

What kinds of questions do you have for me? What can I do to help you get started? Please don't hesitate to reach out.

All my best,

Shelby

PS- My grandfather, the first blind mayor in Michigan, was an active participant in the Lions Club for many years and would pass out the little white canes in October. The organization is near and dear to me personally and I'm excited we could have the opportunity to work together.

Shelby Seeley | Marketing Director

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DISTRICT NEWS



Peace Poster Contest 2024-2025

The time has come to begin submitting your club's winning Peace Poster for the District Competition! The District judging will be held on November 3, 2024 at 1:00pm at Patchwood Plaza in Hillman (the Cabinet Meeting).

Theme: Peace Without Limits

Either mail your club's winning poster to me in a mailing tube (Jean Manning, 22661 W. County Rd 459, Hillman, MI 49746) or bring it to the Cabinet Meeting.

Remember:

Place the completed sticker onto the back of your club's winning poster.

The entry must be from a student aged 11, 12 or 13.

Paper no smaller than 13 x 20, no larger than 20 x 24.

No words or numbers on the front.

Nothing glued, stapled or attached.

One entry per student.

Any questions - call me at 989-808-4476.

Jean Manning - aka Jean Hill

989-808-4476

From: Yahoo [mailto:wgaines1111@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 16:53

To: PDG Barb Durflinger

Subject: LCIF Disaster Relief

We have heard a great deal about the disastrous effects of hurricanes Helene and Milton in the South East US. One way our local Lions Clubs can assist in relief efforts is by designating funds to LCIF Disaster Relief. Please consider making either club or personal donations to LCIF Disaster Relief. Remember !00% of donated dollars go to the designated cause and all LCIF donations count toward Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Thanks for your support,

PDG Bill Gaines - District LCIF Coordinator

Sad News: Marie Leather's father, John Litwaitis passed away on Oct 20. Visitation was on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home, 2333 S. Main St, Central Lake. Funeral Mass was on Monday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan with Fr. Matthew Cowan officiating. Interment with military honors followed Mass in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Lake Amvets, P.O. Box 245, Central Lake, MI, 49622. Our sorrows go out to Marie and family for their loss.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2024

Cabinet Meeting (Update) — November 03, 2024 — 1:00 p.m. — Hillman Patchwood Plaza, 14797 State St., Hillman. Zoom will be available for those who want to attend the meeting by computer.

Veterans Day — November 11, 2024 — ★★— **Thanksgiving** — November 28, 2024

DECEMBER 2024

Pearl Harbor Day — December 7, 2024 —★★★— **Christmas**, December 25, 2024

JANUARY 2025

New Year's Day — January 1, 2025 —★★★— **Martin Luther King Day** — January 20, 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

The Third Cabinet Meeting — Saturday, February 8th at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling. Address is 6441 W. M-72.



PASSINGS REPORTED



We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends

No passings were reported this month.

New Members Reported — OCT. 2024 (or Earlier)

East Jordan Lions — **Duane Derry** — 11/04/2024 — Sponsor: Paul Michael

Oscoda Lions — **Cindy Fulton** and **Mike DeRosia** — 10/14/2024 – Sponsor: N/A

Total: 3 New Member Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

East Jordan Lions Don Peters is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Boyne Valley Lions

OCTOBER 2024

Saturday, Oct 19, was a great day for Adopt-a-Highway. Kecia Freed, Mike Cain, Gow, Richard Cook and Larry & Julie Taylor worked in great weather, and the 2 mile stretch of M75 is clean!

Adopt-A-Highway most unusual item discarded:



It is clear that Gow and Richard Cook win the most unusual item found on the roadside today with their tiny moose. —

— Honorable mention to Larry & Julie for



East Jordan Lions

OCTOBER 2024

East Jordan Lions did Kidsight screening at the Fall Festival. They screened 27 kids and had 8 referrals.

This Lion pictured with Lion Linda Gocha. —



-2nd photo Lions Linda and Paul Michael with the Lion (Bill Chase)



3rd photo - Lions Linda Gocha, Brenda Chanda, and Sally Lilak under the new EJ Lions canopy —

East Jordan Lions CONT'D OCTOBER 2024

East Jordan Lions received the Club Excellence Award for the 2023-2024 year.

Lion Linda Chase was the president during the 2023-2024 year. This award is for meeting criteria in service activities, net growth, publicized activities, funds donated to Lions Club International and for being a club in good standing.

District Governor Dennis Gocha awarded Lion Linda Chase a pin and the club received a banner patch for meeting the criteria for this award. —



Congratulations to all the hard-working EJ Lions that helped achieve this award!



— East Jordan Lions awarded Nevaeh Cahoon \$50 for winning the Lions Peace Poster Contest.

This is the second time in a row she has won this award. Her poster will now be judged at the district level on November 3rd.

East Jordan Lions welcomed Duane Derry as a new member.

He is pictured with District Governor Dennis Gocha and his sponsor, Paul Michael.

Welcome to our club!



Oscoda Lions OCTOBER 2024

The Oscoda Lions held their 23rd Annual Arts and Crafts Show. The show was another complete success with over 1,000 attendees and 90 vendors/Crafters. The Iosco County Humane Society was also there to showcase the animals they have up for adoption and accepted donations. The club will be making a donation back to the shelter of the door proceeds in the amount of \$1,062 to help with the needs of the animals!



We wish to thank all the vendors and the people attending the show. Look forward to next year's show 10/4/25! As always... We Serve!



On Wednesday, October 9, the Oscoda Lions ramp crew built a 19' ramp and associated platform in the Villages of Oscoda. Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Tony Bol, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina completed the project at 12:45.

One of the homes owners recently had a stroke and is currently going through therapy in Alpena. The ramp was requested to provide ability for the resident to get in and out of the house when coming home next week. The homeowners were thankful for the Lions quick response to their request for help. WE SERVE!



Pictures: Rick Stanley, Tony Priebe, John Novak, Tony Bo

Pictures taken by Chuck Andrina

Oscoda Lions OCTOBER 2024

Lion Bill Gaines Inducted two new members Cindy Fulton and Mike DeRosia into the Oscoda Lions Club at their regular Thursday night meeting. Always great to grow the club and have new members ready to join and be ready to serve! Welcome to Lionism Cindy and Mike!



The Oscoda Lions Club completed their 17th project for the year to help meet area residents access needs. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Rick Stanley, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina built an 18' ramp and 4x4' platform in AuSable township for a family where one of the homeowners is having serious health issues. The crew picked up the material at 8:00 and were all done by 11:45.

WE SERVE!

Picture 4640. Anna Bovan, John Novak, Rick Stanley, Tony Priebe



Picture 4641: John Novak, Rick Stanley, Tony Priebe, Anna Bovan

At the regular meeting of The Oscoda Lions they had a guest speaker Tracy Danek from Toys for Tots in Iosco County. She explained everything about Toys for Tots. Before the meeting was over the club President Tony Bol presented Tracy Danek a check for \$1,000 for Toys for Tots.

Tracy Danek receives a \$1,000 check from President Tony Bol



November 2024 — Giving Thanks

The month of November brings us to the final fully month of Autumn. Though leaves still cling to the branches of some deciduous trees, most of the leaves cover the ground beneath the empty, barren trees. Autumn in the month of November is the time where the weather shifts into colder temperatures, bringing a taste of the coming Winter. The daylight gets shorter, and Daylight Savings Time ends, so the days are darker earlier.

For many people, November in Northern Michigan is not their favorite month — too cold for being outside for long, but not cold enough to enjoy Winter's below-freezing activities like skiing, snowmobiling, or snowshoeing. Fortunately, we have the major holiday of Thanksgiving to help offset the dreary days of the month. It is one of the holidays that brings families together to visit and enjoy the feast, usually with turkey, and for some, football.

The idea of a harvest celebration of some sort has been known and held all over the world for thousands of years. Our American version of being thankful for a good harvest, and for what we have, comes from the early Pilgrims. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

However, the holiday is not without controversy. Many Americans—including people of Native American ancestry—believe Thanksgiving celebrations mask the true history of oppression and bloodshed that underlies the relationship between European settlers and Native Americans.

Despite the dark past that could, and should, have never been continual violence between the Native peoples and the immigrant Europeans, the concept of thankfulness is one that we should be more aware of, and practice more. Life is different for all of us. Some people breeze through their lives, fortunate in having most, if not all, of the things that matter to them. Many others struggle, having little and feeling lost in a challenging life.

Everyone, no matter how their life is going, has at least one or more things to be thankful for. The awareness and feeling of thankfulness is the experience of gratitude. Having gratitude, whether for overcoming cancer, or just for having a beautiful day, makes one feel better. If there is something for which you are grateful, you realize there is a chance that there are other things out there that will make you thankful again.

Gratitude is one of the main pillars of life, like Forgiveness, Joy, Kindness, and Love. When you acknowledge your thankfulness you bring in a higher frequency that generates more light into your life.

When Lions act in Service for others in need, gratitude is generated in the person or persons you helped. Whatever physical service has been done, that recipient is also affected by the higher frequency of Gratitude.

So, in this time of instability and uncertainty, this Thanksgiving holiday give some thought to the gratitude you've experienced, and honor it.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Photos of Northern Michigan In Autumn



This autumn was one of the the best in years, with leaves showing their radiant colors, pleasant temperatures and blue skies for many days. The leaves finally left their trees, as the winds filled the air with falling leaves. Halloween decorations of skeletons in many costumes were all over Harbor Springs for our enjoyment.



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- **Activities:** Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!
- **Club Milestones:** Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!
- **Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.**

*** Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality. **Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.** **Text:** Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted. Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

This District is complex, with a variety of things going on throughout. We can learn much from each other, and I'd like to see more communication among Clubs for the growth and benefit of all.

Don't be left out!!

Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

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