

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Notable Quotes: "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." - Thomas Jefferson (For Presidents' Day Feb. 17)

## District Governor's Message



**DG Dennis Gocha**

Hello Lions of 11-E2,

We certainly have had some changes in weather and we're prepared for it just as we try to prepare for the future of our clubs. I hope you're looking to the future, preparing for the next opportunity to increase your service to the community, develop new leaders for the future and grow your clubs.

One of our district goals is to increase our support to LCIF, the Lions club International Foundation. Since we are an international organization, we can have an impact across the globe when we support LCIF. Your contributions to disaster relief and humanitarian efforts in places where they are desperately needed, like in California with the wildfires. If your club donates to LCIF, thank you and please continue your annual giving. If your club hasn't supported LCIF in the past, or perhaps over a few years, please consider even a small gift to LCIF. No amount is too small!

In these winter months try to think of something different your club can do to raise funds for our state projects too. Our club is having a Dinner in the Dark, to let people experience what it would be like dining as a visually impaired person by using a blindfold during dinner. The funds earned will go to Leader Dogs or Eversight. We first experienced this at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, and it made a lasting impression on us.

I thank you once again for everything you are doing. Keep thinking outside the box and keep doing the amazing job you are!

**Dennis Gocha,**  
**District 11-E2 Governor**

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**District 11-E2 Website:**  
[lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://lionsdistrict11e2.org)

Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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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
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Kris Roberts Central Lake Lions Club 701-409-9160 <a href="mailto:krobdi@gmail.com">krobdi@gmail.com</a>	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon-Higgins Lake	<b>ZC VACANT</b>	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Rose City



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# Raging wildfires in California destroy entire communities

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

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

**Your donation can help.**

**HELP NOW** 

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

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit [lionsclubs.org/disastergrants](https://lionsclubs.org/disastergrants) or email [LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org).

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

## Youth Camps and Exchange Host Lions Clubs

Host Lions Clubs work closely with the selected youth participants, host families and the district or multiple district YCE Chairperson. If a Host Club does not have a district or multiple district YCE Chairperson, a Club President will be required to sign for the exchange youth along with the the district governor, and to work directly with the YCE Chairpersons in the sponsoring country to make all arrangements.

The following are general responsibilities for the host Lions club:

- Ensuring that the YCE policy is followed;
- Ensuring compliance with local laws governing youth protection;
- Verifying the exchange youth have sufficient accident, life, personal property, health and liability insurance to cover all contingencies during travel to and from their host country;
- If your club is hosting an International Camp, your club should do research in case you need to secure separate insurance coverage for the camp itself depending on the activities of the camp;
- Making arrangements for the youth exchange's arrival/departure;
- Recruiting, screening and providing orientation to host families;
- Maintaining communications between the youth participants, Sponsor Lions Club, Host Family and YCE Chairperson; and
- Providing transportation to events organized by your club, including meetings and service projects.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Club by checking out the [YCE Host Club Handbook!](#)

### How to Become a Host Club!

Use the International Directory to contact the nearest YCE Chairperson to find out how your club can participate in the YCE Program as a Host Club. If there is no YCE Chairperson in your area, speak with your District Governor to start a new YCE Program!

Have questions, comments or concerns? Please contact us at [youthexchange@lionsclubs.org](mailto:youthexchange@lionsclubs.org).

**Incoming participants, from July 26 thru August 16, 2025.  
One week stay at the Camp, from August 3 thru August 9, 2025**





## Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) SUMMER PROGRAM 2025



### Dates to Remember:

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: **March 30, 2025**

Host Family: **June 30, 2025**

Incoming Youth Exchange participants:

Arrival date: **July 26, 2025**

Departure date: **August 16, 2025**

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

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



# Become a Host Family

### Bring a new culture into your home!

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

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

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

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com).

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

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



Info from Leader Dogs Faithful Friends newsletter,

# Leader Dog TRAINING

After returning from their puppy raiser's home, future Leader Dogs receive four months of formal harness training with a professional guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI). During this time, they learn guide dog skills such as stopping at curbs, avoiding obstacles and finding doors. Extensive repetition and positive reinforcement are the secrets to success.



# PAIRING a Client with the Perfect Leader Dog

To receive a Leader Dog, clients must be at least 16 years old, legally blind and capable of physically and emotionally caring for a dog. They must also agree to use the dog as intended.

We look for recipients with safe, independent travel skills but offer a free orientation and mobility (O&M) program for those who don't. Many people we contact are dealing with a recent diagnosis.

Prospective clients send a short video of themselves walking in their community to assess their travel skills and ability to navigate intersections. This helps our instructors find the perfect Leader Dog to complement each individual's needs.

Our instructors consider many factors:

- Walking speed
- Strength
- Size
- Energy levels
- Balance and stability
- Environmental tolerance
- Are there kids?



"One puppy raiser named their Leader Dog 'Butterball.' LDB staff were slightly nervous about how a potential client may take the name. When the client came and was matched with the Leader Dog, they were in shock! 'Butterball' is what the client's friends and family used to call him growing up!"

- Jamie Togal, GDMI and Team Supervisor

## Did You Know?

Leader Dog typically makes **100** matches each year!

If you are interested in learning more about applying for our free Guide Dog or O&M programs, please visit [leaderdog.org/programs](http://leaderdog.org/programs)







## Greetings Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,



Welcome to this month's Lions Bear Lake Camp newsletter! 📣 We're excited to share the latest updates, spotlight some incredible individuals, and highlight the many ways you can stay connected with and support our camp. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

🧡 This February, our Executive Director reflects on how Lions Bear Lake Camp isn't just a place—it's a home where lives are touched and lifelong connections are made. Every person who visits becomes part of our growing story of courage, connection, and belonging.

### 🔥 Campfire Chats

This month, we hear from Wyatt, one of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing campers, as he shares his favorite camp memories. Wyatt talks about how camp has become a second home, filled with friends, fun activities, and a supportive community.

We also celebrate Camp Champion Andrea Lindsay, whose dedication shines through her volunteer work during the summer and at events like the Ice Plunge. Andrea's passion for making a difference inspires us all!

### ☀️ Camp Updates

We're excited to share some incredible contributions this month!

- Thank you to the **Houghton Lake Lions Club** for their generous monetary donation, helping us further our mission.
- A big shoutout to the **Mount Clemens Lions Club** for their incredible support, including the purchase of a new zero-turn lawn mower!

Your support helps us maintain and improve the camp, ensuring every camper has a memorable and impactful experience.



### LBLC Spotlights

This month, we highlight three amazing individuals and groups:

- **Linda, our camp nurse**, whose care and compassion make a difference every day.
- **Al Lindsay, Board Member**, for his outstanding leadership and service.
- **The Anchor Bay Quilting Guild**, one of our rental groups, who shared how meaningful their experience at Lions Bear Lake Camp has been.



### Stay Connected & Get Involved

There are so many ways to support Lions Bear Lake Camp! Whether it's attending events, making a donation, or contributing items from our wishlist, every action helps us grow and continue serving our community.

Together, we can make a lasting impact. Explore opportunities to get involved today!

### Open the attached newsletter for full stories, updates, and more!

Thank you for being part of the Lions Bear Lake Camp family—together, we're creating lasting memories and making a real impact. Please download and share our newsletters and invite your friends, family, club members, and fellow supporters to sign up today.

Enjoy!

-The Bear Lake Camp Team



## Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

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

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

#### Here's how it works:

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

#### Simple Tools to Help Your Club Recruit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Why This Challenge Matters:

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

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

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

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 email: lions@lionsofmi.com • website: www.lionsofmi.com



**2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM**  
**MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK! Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025**  
**Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan**



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

*Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo*  
**(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025**  
*Alternate Hotel:*

**Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00**  
 2575 11<sup>th</sup> St. S., Kalamazoo

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:  
 Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone 517-887-6640  
 or Fax 517-887-6642. **Register and pay online:**  
<https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/up-coming-events/2025-forum-registration>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$50.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.**  
**Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.**  
***Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!***

**MAKE YOUR MARK!****2025 Lions Michigan Forum Session Topics**

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

**LUNCHEON AGENDA**

12:40 p.m. Seating for Luncheon and announcements

12:50 p.m. Lunch

1:20 p.m. Welcome – PDG Jim Leach, Chair

1:25 p.m. Introductions of White Cane Scholarship Recipients – PDG Lula Gardfrey

2:00 p.m. Keynote address by PIP Brian Sheehan

2:45 p.m. Raffle Drawings

3:00 p.m. Dismissal

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February 28-March 1, 2025
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan
2025 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2025 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

- 1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" ..... \$15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) ..... \$20.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) ..... \$25.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" ..... \$40.00
5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10" ..... \$50.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket)
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Included is a print ready ad or message
\_\_\_\_\_ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)
\_\_\_\_\_
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Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting Lions of Michigan! Deadline to submit: 2-10-2025
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan
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# WHITE CANE ORDER FORM



Lions/Lioness Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING ADDRESS:		BILLING ADDRESS:	
Name: _____	Name: _____		
Address: _____	Address: _____		
City: _____ Zip _____	City: _____ Zip _____		
Phone: _____	City: _____ Zip _____		

YES! I WANT TO PICK UP AT THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ON MARCH 11 \_\_\_\_\_

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bih Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	*NEW White Cane Lapel Pin with red lip	500 Quantity	\$85.00	
<i>If shipping is required, you will be billed for shipping and handling fees.</i>			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

**Order Form Online: [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)**

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**Popular Picks:** For photos of items visit our website at [www.Lionsofmi.com](http://www.Lionsofmi.com)

**Certificate of Appreciation**  
Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.  
**60¢/each**

**String Tags**  
Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.  
**\$60.00/1000**



**SAVE  
on Shipping and  
Handling Costs!  
PICK UP AT  
THE FORUM!**

**Bib Apron**

Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.  
**\$14.00/each**

**White Cane Placemats**  
Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10"x13")  
**\$21.00/500**



**Waist Apron**

Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.  
**\$8.00/each**

**Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes**

White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.  
**\$6.50/each (small)**  
**\$8.50/each (large)**

**Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers**

Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.  
**\$3.00/each (set of 3)**

**CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!**

**White Cane Leader Patch**  
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.  
**\$3.00/each**

**White Cane Leader Pin**  
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.  
**\$1.50/each**



**White Cane Law Pamphlet**  
Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.  
**\$20.00/250**

**White Cane Bookmarks**  
Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.  
**\$10.00/100**



**White Cane Stickers**  
Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.  
**\$32.00/1000**





NECROLOGY REPORT

Please return by: March 17, 2025

Dear Club Officers:

Each year District 11-E2 holds a special Memorial Service at the convention. This is a solemn moment when we honor all the Lions who have passed away during the past Lion year. The service will be held on Saturday afternoon after lunch.

Every club is asked to respond by submitting the names of your members whose service on Earth has ended. Furthermore, we ask that you honor them by attending the Memorial Service and taking a tree to plant in memory of them.

Please print or type so that names will be spelled correctly in the Memorial Program. **Also send a photo of the deceased Lion.**

Thank you for helping to honor your former member (s).

NECROLOGY REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

(CLUB NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_

(CLUB CONTACT PERSON)

\_\_\_\_\_

(PHONE NUMBER)

DECEASED MEMBER(S)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: Linda Gocha  
4349 Cosier Rd.  
East Jordan, MI 49727



**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**Complete one form for each person!**  
**Registrations are due March 17, 2025**

Circle all that apply: Lion    Spouse    Leo    Guest

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you want on your badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check which event you will attend:**

	Registration Fee	\$10
	Saturday Luncheon – Soup, Salad, Sandwich, Chips, Cookies	\$30
	Saturday Night Dinner: Chicken Piccata, Beef Medallions Whipped potatoes, steamed vegetables, carrot cake <b>YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE</b>	\$50
	Pay by card with the link below or write a check:	TOTAL:

**Use the secure link below to submit credit card payment or view your order receipt:**

Lions District 11-E2 Convention Registration Form

**Room Reservations:**

**Reservations can be made directly thru Treetops Resort: 989-732-6711.**  
**Rooms are \$125 through March 17, 2025. King, Queen, Deluxe Queen.**  
**All are the same price. After this date, rooms are open to the public and subject to availability.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : East Jordan Lions Convention**

**Mail to: East Jordan Lions – PO Box 845, East Jordan, MI 49727**

Note: One check can be written for two or more registration forms. Please place the check number in the following bracket of each form you are including.

**(Check# \_\_\_\_\_)**

Your convention hosts are: The East Jordan Lions Club. For more information or answers to questions please contact: Linda Gocha 231-536-0837.

[dennygocha@gmail.com](mailto:dennygocha@gmail.com).





## Convention Hygiene Kits

Secretaries and Presidents,

I am sending you what is still needed for the hygiene kits for our Convention. The kits will go to the Women's Resource Center. We still need a lot of supplies and only 6 clubs have donated so far.

I am attaching the link to check on what's needed and the link to enter what you'd like to donate for the kits.

Here are the two links

1. This link is so you can watch the pledges, and the amount still needed [SPREADSHEET with totals for Lions 2025 District Convention Service Project](#)
2. The following link should be sent out to all that can pledge items [Lions 2025 District Convention Service Project](#)

Thank you so much!

Linda Gocha

Convention Chair

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CST Barb

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Saturday, February 22, 2025  
 \$40 each or two for \$75

Tickets ON SALE NOW!



Join us at the Boathouse  
 204 Water Street | East Jordan  
 Doors open 5:30 pm.  
 Dinner at 6 pm

For tickets and info, please call 231-536-0837



*Presented by the East Jordan  
 Lions Club, for an unforgettable evening  
 in support of Leader Dogs and  
 Eversight for the visually impaired.*





# Calendar of Events

## FEBRUARY 2025

**Cabinet Meeting** — Saturday, February 8, 2025 — 10:00 a.m. — St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling, 6441 W. M-72

**Lions Michigan Forum** — February 28, 2025 — Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo — KEY SPEAKER WILL BE PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN!

**Groundhog's Day** — February 2

**Valentine's Day** — February 14

**Presidents' Day** — February 17

## APRIL 2025

**District Convention** — April 25-26, 2025 — Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, MI

## MAY 2025

**MD11 CONVENTION** — May 15-17, 2025 — DOUBLETREE HOTEL Bay City — Guest Speaker LCI President Oliveira



## PASSINGS REPORTED



## NO Passings Reported

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

## New Members Reported — January, 2024 (or Earlier)

No New Members Reported

**Total: 0 New Member Reported**

Information From Club Activities Sent In

*On the Mend Reported*  
No Reports Received



## 11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



Presidents and Secretaries,

With the coming of the new year, this is just a reminder, that you can enter your events that happened around Christmas time into the MyLion system as service projects. You can even enter your meetings!

I'm sure you have collected money for the Salvation Army food pantries, Toys for Tots, etc. All of these can be entered into the MyLion system to give your club credit, and for you to use as reference for future activities.

So please keep entering your dedicated service!

Thank you.

District Global Service Team Coordinator,  
Linda Gocha.

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### Hearing Impaired Scholarship

**Barb:**

One more thing from the Foundation Board meeting (sorry about all the email - I should read my whole list of notes before hitting enter!). There are four \$1,000 Hearing scholarships available, and in the past we don't always get that many applications, so students who may be able to use the assistance aren't getting it. Please check with your local school system and see if they may have someone who qualifies. It is open to HS Seniors, as well as students already in college, so if you have a local community college, check with them as well. I was surprised to hear that on the average there is at least one student per school in the state that is hearing impaired, so we should be able to give this money away! The application is due by 3/15.

Barb

## Alpena Lions

### JANUARY 2024

The Alpena Lions Club welcomed Nancy Kunzat and Susan Skibbe of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society to their Tuesday meeting. The duo provided an update and history on their journey to preserve the Thunder Bay Lighthouse. This historical gem is located 14 miles out in beautiful Lake Huron. Thunder Bay Island is an integral part of Alpena's history and deserves preservation.

If you wish to learn more about this organization visit them at <https://thunderbayislandlight.com/links/>.



## Boyne Valley Lions

### JANUARY 2024

Lion Bob Goodenough was presented with his 45 service pin chevron

- a) Congratulations to Lion Bob and thank you for 45 years of service to the Lions Club





# Central Lake Lions JANUARY 2024

Thank you Central Lake!

The Central Lake Lions wish to thank all who donated to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Merrie's Market. Even during challenging economic times, our community reaches deep to support others who are struggling. Your donations added up to \$2,803 over the four weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



# Charlevoix Lions JANUARY 2024

We're so proud of our fellow Charlevoix Lions Club member! Congratulations to the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce 2024 Young Professional of the Year, Cody Crain!

Cody not only works at Charlevoix Insurance Agency- he is a member of the Charlevoix Lions Club, has coached Charlevoix basketball for 11 years (spending the last 3 as Assistant Varsity Coach), is a Charlevoix youth basketball volunteer, AND has been hanging petunia baskets with Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for 6 years.





## Cheboygan Lions JANUARY 2024

The Cheboygan club donated \$1,600.00 to the follow organizations

- McLaren Cheboygan Campus Tree of Lights. \$100.00
- Cheboygan Music Boosters \$100.00
- Cheboygan Junior Golf Academy \$100.00
- Together Lifting Children \$50.00
- Salvation Army \$250.00
- St.Thomas Food Pantry \$250.00
- Leader Dogs For the Blind \$250.00
- Compassionate Ministries of Cheboygan \$250.00
- Eversight \$250.00

## East Jordan Lions JANUARY 2024

District Governor Dennis Gocha and his wife, Linda, joined in the January holiday Christmas party of the Hillman Lions. A short meeting, great meal and gift exchange all took place for a great time.



## FEBRUARY 2025 — Snow, Ice and Fire

January weather in Northern Michigan was something like it used be back in the early and middle 1900's — lots of snow and below freezing temperatures. The skiers, snowshoe hikers and snowbilers were able to enjoy their favorite sports and outdoor activities, unlike last year. Snow is Nature's confetti. The beauty of snow-covered trees, Nature's decoration in black and white, can take your breath away, if the cold temperatures doesn't.

On the downside, there were many days when snow storms and lake effect snow caused school closings, traffic frustration on slippery highways, and falling on icy sidewalks. Snowplowing trucks removed snow from the roads, and removed some of it onto our driveway's end. Last year I had to use the snowblower only 16 times October through April, while in this winter weather so far (October through February 3) I have used my snowblower on 28 days, with at least 6 more weeks of Winter according to the weather-adept guru groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil.

While we're having a "normal" winter, in mid-January many folks in the Deep South, from Texas to Florida and the Carolinas had a very abnormal arctic blast when a massive storm went through the Southern states. Governors in Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and even Florida declared states of emergency, and many school systems canceled classes. Louisiana, which had never before seen a blizzard warning, got up to 10 inches of snow in some areas. Some parts of Alabama saw 9.5 inches, Florida saw up to 8.8 inches, Texas up to 6 and Georgia up to 8. A few spots were said to have up to 20 inches of snow. Roughly 130,000 homes and businesses were without power across Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. 2,000 flights were canceled Tuesday, with about 10,000 others delayed. At least 10 people died, from accidents or hypothermia.

Some people, mostly children and young adults, took the opportunity play in the snow, sledding, skating on frozen steets — at least one playing hockey on a New Orleans street. Others crafted a snowman, or made angels in the snow on the ground, or played in a snowball fight.

Wildlife, especially reptiles living in warm climates, were actually frozen by the cold and ice. If temperatures drop significantly, alligators can enter a state called "brumation" - similar to hibernation. They slow down their metabolism and become lethargic, allowing them to conserve energy when food is scarce. During a hard freeze, they often stick their snouts above the water to breathe, while the rest of their bodies become immobilized in the icy depths.

On the Western side of the nation, heat is the problem, not cold. Thousands of firefighters have been battling wildfires across 45 square miles of densely populated Los Angeles County. The largest fire, the Palisades Fire in Pacific Palisades' burned more than 23,400 acres, destroyed 6,837 structures and damaged 1,017, and took the lives of 12 people. The Eaton Fire near Pasadena burned more than 14,000 acres, left 9,418 structures destroyed and 1,073 damaged, and officials confirmed 17 lives lost from this fire. 337 wildfires have been or are now active in California in 2025. Chubb Insurance reports that fire losses in L. A. Count alone will hit \$1.5 billion. These fires are close to being contained now, and the weather in the weeks ahead is expected to have heavy rain that will curtail the fires — but, if there is too much rain it could cause flooding and mudslides.

It is unclear how these wildfires started, but whether by accident, electrical failures, or arson, human activity is behind it. People may start the spark, but it is Nature's Santa Ana winds that add fuel to fires. The typical strengths of these winds are 30-60 miles per hour when they occur a couple times a year. Those winds make it hard to contain a wildfire, but winds of over 80 miles per hour makes these fires almost impossible to fight. Local Santa Ana wind gusts this year measured upwards of 100 miles per hour, creating unstoppable movement of ashes and fire. (**"LCIF has awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to support Lions on the ground as they provide vital aid."** Jan.13,2025)

We have science and technology, but we haven't the power to control the planet's Environment. We can slightly alter Nature with our pollutions, but we can't control Nature. A couple degrees warming earth may seem insignificant, but heat is energy, and increasing energy makes stronger jet streams, more powerful storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires. Let's hope every one avoids calamity.



# PICTURES OF THE MONTH

## Photos of Winter Good, Bad & Ugly in the USA 2025



Houston Children in snow.



New Orleans sledder in storm 2025



Pensacola FL. Snowman



A firefighter battles the Palisades Fire in Mandeville Canyon



Alligator immobilized in a frozen Southern lake



Northern Michigan Winter Wonderland



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- **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!!*

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