

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
— Jane Goodall

OCTOBER 2025

District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Lions of District 11-E2,



As we end the first quarter of the Lions year I feel the excitement and continued building of our district. We had great attendance at the first cabinet meeting, we have new leaders stepping up and training thanks to a grant from LCI, we have Lions reporting their great service and we have positive membership growth. Let's keep the momentum going.

Please plan to attend the next cabinet meeting on Nov 22 at the VFW Post in Gaylord, where we will be judging the Peace Posters. Everyone in attendance will be allowed to vote for the district winner. We will also offer Guiding Lion training, so if you have a heart to help struggling clubs to rebuild or want to help start new clubs this is for you!

The October Council of Governor's collection of warm clothing and other items for the Gaylord School System was a great success. Lions from throughout the state made this possible.

Thank you to the 14 clubs in our district that have donated to the [LCIF Hunger Grant](#). At this time we have over \$32,000 of the required \$50,000 for our portion of the \$200,000 matching grant for the new facility in Gaylord. Here are some ways you can help:

- Have a fundraiser specifically for the Hunger Grant, like Hillman Lions Trivia Night
- Print the flyer to take to local businesses and ask them to donate
- Share on social media
- Just ask - ask your friends and family if they want to be part of a good cause!

The District Convention planning committee is working at making our convention one that no Lion will want to miss! Mark your calendars for April 24-25, 2026 at Treetops in Gaylord. Whether you're a new Lion or a "seasoned" Lion, there's something for everyone! Watch for details and online signups.

Thank you for all you do!

Marie Leathers

District Governor, 11-E2

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"Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much" - Helen Keller

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Lions Clubs International President Message



Dear Lion,

As Lions, service is what brings us together — in our own neighborhoods and around the world. We may come from different places and cultures, but we share the same purpose: to make life better for others.

Our message for 2025–2026, “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead,” reminds us that service and leadership go hand in hand. Every act of service shows others what it means to lead with heart. And the more we serve, the more we grow — as people, as clubs and as a global family.

To make this a year worth celebrating, we must start strong. That means taking action early — welcoming new members into our clubs and supporting our districts’ efforts to charter new ones. Reaching our goals ahead of schedule will give us the momentum we need to do even more good throughout the year.

As we grow, let’s also make sure our clubs welcome everyone with a heart for service. Are we inviting younger members to bring their energy and fresh ideas? Are we making space for more women, especially in places where that’s been a challenge? Every club should reflect the community it serves — diverse, vibrant and full of potential.

Now’s also the time to start planning your Weeks of Service. Lions and Leos worldwide will be coming together for three powerful weeks to serve the areas of mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment. This is a great opportunity to invite new friends to serve alongside you and experience firsthand what it means to be a Lion. Learn more about our Weeks of Service in this issue.

Our impact depends on our strength. And our strength comes from our people. So let’s grow with purpose — and lead through service.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh

International President
Lions Clubs International



We Serve.



Dear Lions and Leos,

As humanitarians, we respond whenever and wherever the need arises. Grants from our global foundation enhance our service. I'm proud to report that during the August 2025 LCIF Board of Trustees Meeting, 114 grants were approved, totaling more than US\$9.3 million.

This month we recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and the ways Lions, Leos and others, empowered by LCIF funding, raise awareness, promote early detection and support care. Next month, we will mark World Mental Health Day on October 10. Lions and Leos are working to raise awareness of mental health and well-being in their communities. LCIF is proud to support their efforts through District and Club Community Impact Grants, Matching Grants, Leo Service Grants and Lions Quest. Your donations make this important work possible.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson





New Service Initiatives FOR 2025-2026

FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT A.P. SINGH

**MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELL-BEING**

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



OCTOBER 4-12, 20

HUNGER



January 3-11
2026

ENVIRONMENT



APRIL 18-26, 2026



Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

Annual Tax Filing Information C

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division

Lions Clubs International





Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the [e-Postcard](#) (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2024-2025 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may [apply](#) for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your club's filing. For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov. For specific questions please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

* Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000.



Dear Lions Club Officers,

Congratulations on a successful start to the 2025-2026 Lion Year. Your club has an opportunity to achieve excellence through the [Club Excellence Award](#) which recognizes outstanding leadership, membership growth, impactful service and humanitarian contributions.

This year, a new requirement has been added to receive the Club Excellence Award – participation in each of the three International [Weeks of Service](#). The first will be held October 4–12, 2025 with a focus on [mental health and well-being](#).

By joining the October Week of Service, your club will take an important step towards earning this prestigious award and ensuring the pathway to club excellence. Visit the [Excellence Award webpage](#) to learn more and start planning.

Sincerely,

District & Club Administration Division

clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org

This message was sent to Club Presidents, Club First Vice Presidents, Club Secretaries, and Club Treasurers.



Dear Leader Dog Community,

We're proud to share a significant step forward in the fight for equal access. On September 12, 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Uber Technologies Inc., alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The complaint outlines discriminatory practices against passengers with disabilities, including those traveling with service animals and using mobility devices and seeking \$125 million in damages.

The lawsuit highlights repeated ride denials, improper fees, and failure to provide reasonable accommodations, resulting in missed appointments, delays, and unsafe conditions for riders with disabilities.

This action is a direct result of the determination and advocacy of individuals across the blindness community including many Leader Dog clients who have consistently reported discrimination and demanded change. Their courage and persistence are driving this progress.

At Leader Dogs for the Blind, we stand firmly with our clients and the broader disability community. We remain committed to supporting efforts that challenge discrimination and promote accessibility, independence, and inclusion.

To learn more or report violations of federal civil rights laws, visit [CivilRights.justice.gov](https://www.civilrights.justice.gov). For ADA resources, visit [ada.gov](https://www.ada.gov) or call the ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 (TTY: 1-833-610-1264).

Thank you for being part of a community that continues to lead with purpose and advocate for change.

Warm regards,
Melissa Weisse
President, CEO
Leader Dogs for the Blind





Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Dear Lions, Supporters, and Camp Family,

Summer has come to a close, yet the impact of these months is still felt in every story shared. More than 1,400 kids came through our gates, each carrying home new confidence and friendships that will stay with them.

As we move into fall, the spirit of Bear Lake carries on through retreats, school groups, and moments that remind us why this place matters.



CAMPFIRE CHATS

This month Brady, one of our VIB campers, shares what made his summer unforgettable. From swimming in the lake to singing on the hill with cabin mates, his words capture the joy of camp. We are also honoring Camp Champion Denise Temple, whose quiet dedication keeps camp moving in ways that touch every part of this place.



CAMP UPDATES

Gratitude fills this season. A \$10,000 grant from the Lapeer County Community Foundation and \$3,500 raised by the Laingsburg Lions through their annual golf outing will help more kids experience the magic of Bear Lake.



LBLC SPOTLIGHTS

This month we highlight Board Member Dave Hacker and Cabin Leader Joshua Barber. Dave's steady leadership and Josh's first year of impact show how camp grows stronger when people step forward with heart and service.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ultra Marathon – October 4, 2025

Ice Plunge – February 7, 2026

Wild Game Dinner – April 11, 2026



GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a camper. Pick something from our wishlist. Volunteer for a day or tell a friend about what we do. However you choose to show up, you are helping us build something that lasts. Thank you for being part of this journey.

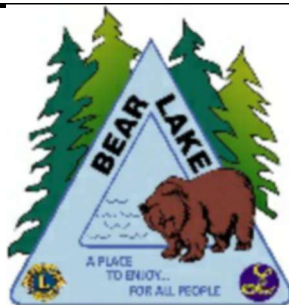


Read the full newsletter to see their stories and feel the spirit of Bear Lake that continues long after summer ends.

With appreciation,

The Bear Lake Camp Team

Continued



Lions Bear Lake Camp Visually Impaired & Blind Camp 2025

THANK YOU



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From January 1 through August 31, 6,521 donors and their families selflessly gave the gift of sight. 7,568 tissues were provided for sight-restoring transplants and 2,158 tissues helped to advance vision research and support clinical education and training.



2025 Shared Vision Award recipients

Eversight honored four people and organizations across Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio with the 2025 Shared Vision Award for extraordinary support of our mission.

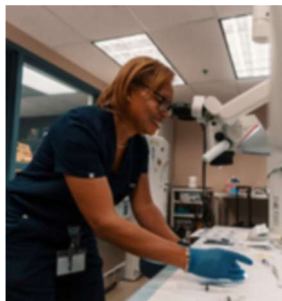
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Partners through it all: Paula & Stuart's sight story

Paula Lefkowitz's journey with Fuchs dystrophy began in the early 1990s. The progression of her condition led to multiple visits to ophthalmologists and optometrists, each visit revealing more about the severity of her eye issues. Yet, despite the fluctuations and challenges, Paula and her husband, Stuart, remained resilient.

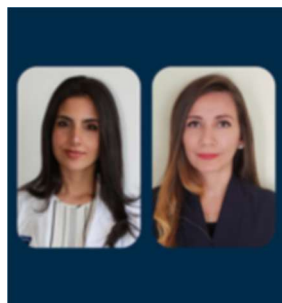
[Rounded Rectangle: Celebrate the winners](#)



Training the next generation of surgeons

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan awarded Eversight a \$10,000 grant to expand corneal transplantation training for ophthalmology residents at the Kresge Eye Institute and Henry Ford Health.

[Rounded Rectangle: Celebrate the winners](#)



A return to Guatemala City

In May, Eversight supported a second medical service trip to Guatemala City, continuing a growing partnership to expand access to vision care for those in need. Through international collaboration and donated tissue, surgeons at Visualiza performed 10 sight-restoring corneal transplants for patients in need.

[Rounded Rectangle: Celebrate the winners](#)



Bringing global standards & heartfelt purpose to Israel

Ruth Cohen and Ma'ayan Avitan, co-founders of Medical Links Ltd., are building bridges across borders, systems and disciplines to deliver healing where it's needed most. Their visit to Eversight headquarters wasn't just a business trip, it was a turning point.

[Rounded Rectangle: Celebrate the winners](#)



In Memoriam: Florence M. Johnston, MS

We remember Florence M. Johnston, MS ("Flo"), whose leadership and compassion shaped Eversight and transformed the field of eye banking. As CEO from 1998 to 2004, she championed clinical excellence and raised quality standards—leaving a legacy that continues to guide and inspire us.



Dear Lion,

Thank you for your continued support of Eversight during the 2024-2025 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:

We are happy to announce Eversight's 2024-2025 Lions Sight Leaders, Supporters and Partners! This is the sixth year Eversight has supported this special recognition program, and 195 Lions Clubs throughout the communities we serve will receive this honor.

Lions Sight Leaders

Thank you to each of these Sight Leaders who donated \$3,000 or more—an amount that helps offset Eversight's costs 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)
Empire Lions Club (MI)
Hubbard Lake Lions Club (MI)
Lakewood Area Lions Club (MI)
Saddle River Valley Lions Club (NJ)
Shelby Township Lions Club (MI)
Waldwick Lions Club (NJ)
Wheaton Lions Club (IL)

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.

Algonquin Lions Club (IL)
Allendale Lions Club (MI)
Almont Lions Club (MI)
Alpena Lions Club (MI)
Alto Lions Club (MI)
Bad Axe Lions Club (MI)
Baraga Township Lions Club (MI)
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club (MI)
Bay City Lions Club (MI)
Bergenfield Lions Club (NJ)
Berville Lions Club (MI)
Big Rapids Lions Club (MI)
Birmingham Lions Club (MI)
Bloomfield Lions Club (NJ)
Bloomington Lions Club (IL)
Boyne Valley Lions Club (MI)
Brookfield Lions Club (CT)
Canton Lions Club (MI)
Carson City 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)
Chester Lions Club (NJ)
Clawson Lions Club (MI)
Dearborn Heights Lions Club (MI)
Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club (MI)
DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club (MI)
Dexter Lions Club (MI)
District 11 B-1 Lions International (MI)
District 11 D-2 Lions International (MI)
District 11 E-2 Lions International (MI)
Dumont Lions Club (NJ)
Dundee Township Lions Club (MI)
Durand Area Lions Club (MI)
East Jordan Lions Club (MI)
Eastpointe Lions Club (MI)
Elburn Lions Club (IL)
Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club (NJ)
Elk Rapids Lions Club (MI)
Emmett Lions Club (MI)
Fenton Lions Club (MI)
Fox River Grove Lions Club (IL)
Frankenmuth Lions Club (MI)
Frankfort Lions Club (IL)
Franklin Lakes Lions Club (NJ)
Fraser Lions Club (MI)
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)
Grand Rapids Lions Club (MI)
Greenville Lions Club (MI)
Hampshire Lions Club (IL)
Harsens Island Lioness Lions Club (MI)
Harsens Island Lions Club (MI)
Harsens Island Lions Club (MI)
Hart Lions Club (MI)
Hartland Lions Club (MI)
Holt Lions Club (MI)
Hopewell Valley Lions Club (NJ)
Imlay City Lions Club (MI)
Ithaca Lions Club (MI)
Jackson Host Lions Club (MI)
Lake Ann Lions Club (MI)
Lake Orion Lions Club (MI)
Lake Villa Township Lions Club (IL)
Les Cheneaux Lions Club (MI)
Lewiston Lions Club (MI)
Lincoln Lions Club (MI)
Livonia Lions Club (MI)
Marlette Lions Club (MI)
Marne Lions Club (MI)
Mattoon Lions Club (IL)
McHenry/Wonder Lake Lions Club (IL)
Medford Lakes Lions Club (NJ)
Metamora Lioness Lions Club (MI)
Midland Lions Club (MI)
Moorestown Lions Club (NJ)
Mount Clemens Lions Club (MI)
Mount Pleasant Lions Club (MI)
Muskegon Northside Lions Club (MI)
Naperville Noon Lions Club (IL)
New Baltimore Lions Club (MI)
New Providence Lions Club (NJ)
North Branch Lions Club (MI)
Northville Lions Club (MI)
Oakland Lions Club (IL)
Ortonville Lions Club (MI)
Oscoda Lions Club (MI)
Paw Paw Lions Club (MI)
Plymouth Lions Club (MI)
Polo Lions Club (IL)
Riverside Township Lions Club (IL)
Rockford Lions Club (MI)
Romeo Lions Club (MI)
Rose City Lions Club (MI)
Rutherford Lions Club (NJ)
Saline Area Lions Club (MI)
Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club (MI)
Shields Lions Club (MI)
Springfield Lions Club (NJ)
St. Joseph Lions Club (MI)
Sterling Heights Lions Club (MI)
Sycamore Lions Club (IL)
USA Lions Club (MI)
Vandercook Lake Lions Club
Vicksburg Lions Club (MI)
Warren Township Lions Club (NJ)
Washington Lions Club (MI)
Weidman Lions Club (MI)
West Milford Lions Club (NJ)
Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club (MI)
Wood Ridge Lions Club (NJ)
Zilwaukee Lions Club (MI)



Sight Partners

Eversight also thanks the Lions Clubs that achieved our newest recognition level of Sight Partner! These Clubs donated \$250-\$499 during the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

Baldwin Lions Club (MI)	Memphis Lions Club (MI)
Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club (MI)	Mesick Lions Club (MI)
Beverly Hills Lions Club (MI)	Michigan Desi Cyber Lions Club (MI)
Bradley Lions Club (IL)	Milford Lions Club (MI)
Bretton Woods Lions Club (MI)	Millington Lions Club (MI)
Buena Vista Township Lions Club (MI)	Mio Lions Club (MI)
Cadillac Lions Club (MI)	Muskegon Host Lions Club (MI)
Centreville Lions Club (MI)	New Jersey Multicultural Lions Club (NJ)
Chassell Lions Club (MI)	North Aurora Lions Club (IL)
Cheboygan Lions Club (MI)	Northport Lions Club (MI)
Christopher Lions Club (IL)	Onkama Lions Club (MI)
Clarkston Area Lions Club (MI)	Pennfield Lions Club (MI)
Clinton Lions Club (CT)	Pigeon Lions Club (MI)
Cranbury Lions Club (NJ)	River Edge Lions Club (NJ)
Dimondale Lions Club (MI)	Rockwood Area Lions Club (MI)
Evanston Sunrise Lions Club (IL)	Roselle Lions Club (IL)
Freeport Lions Club (IL)	Royal Oak Lions Club (MI)
Genoa Lions Club (IL)	Saranac Lions Club (MI)
Gladstone Lions Club (MI)	Sayreville Lions Club (NJ)
Grass Lake Lions Club (MI)	Schaumburg/Hoffman Lions Club (IL)
Grayling Lions Club (MI)	South Brunswick Township Lions Club (NJ)
Green Brook Lions Club (NJ)	St. Johns Lions Club (MI)
Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club (MI)	Stafford Township Lions Club (NJ)
Hillman Area Lions Club (MI)	Sugar Island Lions Club (MI)
Island Lake Lions Club (IL)	Traverse City Lions Club (MI)
Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club (MI)	Trenton Lions Club (MI)
Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club (NJ)	Utica Lions Club (MI)
Kalamazoo West Side Lions Club (MI)	Watervliet Lions Club (MI)
Keweenaw Lions Club (MI)	Wayne Lions Club (MI)
Kirkland Lions Club (IL)	Wells Lions Club (MI)
Lakeshore Lions Club (MI)	Westchester Lions Club (IL)
Lakeview Lions Club (MI)	Willow Springs Lions Club (IL)
Lennon Lions Club (MI)	Winthrop Harbor Lions Club (IL)
Linden Lions Club (MI)	Wyoming Lions Club (MI)
	Yale 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, and Sight Partners will receive a certification of appreciation.

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.



The Power of Giving: Michigan Lions Supporting LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our global engine for service. Every dollar entrusted to LCIF becomes a grant that transforms lives—whether it's disaster relief, childhood cancer research, vision care, diabetes support, hunger initiatives, youth development, or environmental projects.

But the real power comes when we, as Lions, give consistently. Imagine the impact if every Lion in Michigan committed to just **\$20 a month**. That's less than a dinner out—but together, it could provide lifesaving resources across the world and right here at home.

Monthly Giving: Small Steps, Big Results

- **\$20 a month** = \$240 a year from one Lion.
- When multiplied by dozens of members across a club, that steady support becomes a lifeline for people in need.
- Automatic monthly donations are simple to set up and ensure LCIF can plan for sustainable, long-term projects.

Statewide Commitment: Every Club Counts

We are asking every club in Michigan to commit to at least one monthly donor. If every club in our state participated at even the minimum level, we could raise **tens of thousands of dollars each year** to empower LCIF's mission.

The Michigan LCIF Pin: Wear Your Pride

This year, Michigan Lions are also uniting behind our **LCIF Pin**. The sale of this pin alone has the potential to generate **over \$8,000 in donations**. It's not just a symbol of pride—it's a badge of impact. When you wear it, you're showing your personal commitment to serving through LCIF.

Why It Matters

LCIF grants have already touched lives in Michigan—funding projects in vision screening, disaster relief, and youth programs. But to continue this level of support, we need every Lion to take part.

Together, monthly donations, club-wide commitments, and the sale of our Michigan LCIF pin can turn compassion into lasting change.

■ **Will you join us in making a difference today?**

Good Afternoon District Editors,

Attached is an article from our LCIF Chair, Terri Huffman. She has asked that I send it to you all for inclusion in your district newsletter.

The attached pin is available to anyone making a \$10 donation to LCIF.

I hope you can find room in your newsletter for this information.

Thank you!

Lion Wendy

Wendy Burns, Executive Director – Lions Clubs of Michigan



Trivia NIGHT

HILLMAN LIONS CLUB

OCTOBER 18, 2025

**PATCHWOOD PLAZA
14797 S STATE STREET, HILLMAN MI, 49746**

\$10.00 PER PERSON, LIMIT OF 8 PER TEAM

50/50 RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

BASKET RAFFLES

SNACKS PROVIDED / BYOB

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HUNGER GRANT

SPONSORED BY



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Area Credit Union**

TO RESERVE A TABLE CONTACT CARLEEN KLEIN 989-306-0164

FACEBOOK OR PRIVATE MESSAGE ME

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2026 GROUP CRUISE ROYAL CARIBBEAN - SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS MARCH 1, 2026 - 7-NIGHTS - ROUNDTrip MIAMI, FL

2 People - Price Includes \$100 Onboard Credit Per Cabin

4V - Interior Cabin: \$2,145.20
\$1,486.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 149 square feet

2S - Central Park View Interior Cabin - \$2,629.20
\$1,970.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 191 square feet

4D - Ocean View Balcony Cabin: \$3,413.20
\$2,754.00 + \$400.20 Taxes/Fees + \$259.00 Gratuity - Size: 182 square feet + balcony



☐ I would like a quote for a _____ Cabin ☐ I would like a 4V Interior Cabin

☐ I would like a 2S Interior Cabin ☐ I would like a 4D Ocean View Balcony Cabin

Cabin Deposit - \$250 Per Person: ___ Check ___ Credit/Debit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Legal Name - Guest 1: _____ Birth Date: _____

Legal Name - Guest 2: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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11-E2 DISTRICT NEWS



Another Scam!

From: Marie Leathers [mailto:lionmarieleathers@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 11:05

To: ComDaC

Subject: Another scam!

I just received another scam email:

I hope you're doing well.

Barb Durflinger is having issues with PayPal and Zelle, so we need help covering a program expense. If you can assist, I'll send the vendor details. You'll be reimbursed promptly.

Regards,
Dennis Gocha

FAKE!

Another one! Too bad that Barb Durflinger has so many problems- lol!

Barb

Problem child lol

Dave Zeller

Timothy Rubert <timothyrubert@gmail.com> Sep 17, 2025, 7:50 PM

Hello Fellow Lions and Lionesses. Please allow me to introduce myself to you. I am Lion Tim Rubert from the Indian River Lions Club, where I'm the Members Chair. I have recently taken the position of Correspondence for Leader Dog. I am making contact with you all to let you know that I am more than happy to be the one able to pass along any and all new information from Claudia at Leader Dog. I'm pretty new at this, but be assured I will do my best to keep everyone informed and updated. I am looking forward to working with you all and moving us forward as Lions members. I'm open to any advice and or concerns that you might have. Please feel free to contact me at anytime at my Email address above. Once again I am looking forward to hearing from you and working with you. Thank you for your time. Have a great Evening

Lion Tim Rubert



Calendar of Events

November 2025

Cabinet Meeting — November 22, 2025 — 10:00 am — VFW Post, 1200 Gornick Ave, Gaylord
— Will include judging of the Peace Poster Contest at the District Level. — Guiding Lion Training following the cabinet meeting.

February 2026

Cabinet Meeting — February 07, 2026 — 10:00 am — TBD

April 2026

District Convention — April 24-26, 2026 — Treetops Resort, Gaylord — Cabinet meeting and Friday night mixer — More info to come.



PASSINGS REPORTED



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

NO Passings Reported

New Members Reported — June, 2025 (or Earlier)

NO NEW MEMBERS REPORTED:

Total: 1 New Members Reported

Information From Club Activities Sent In

On the Mend Reported

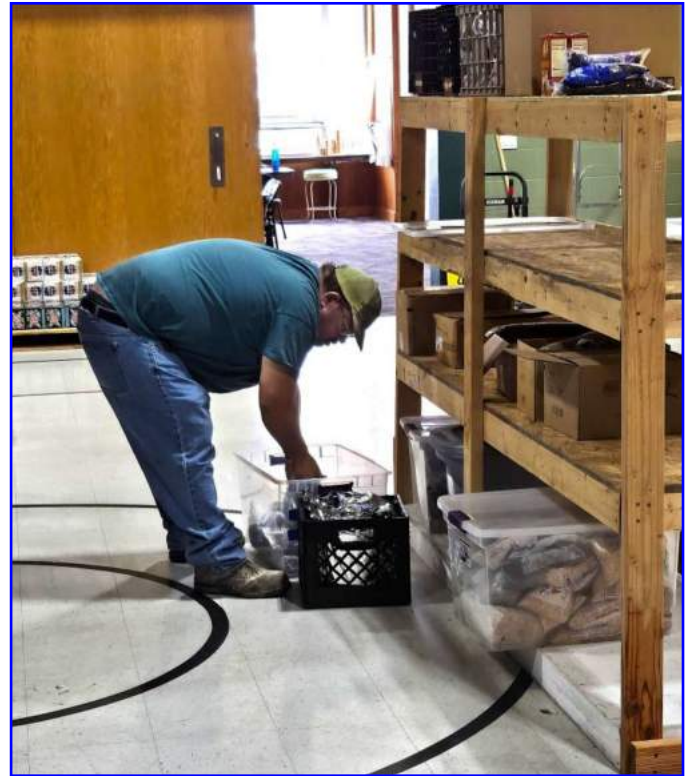
On the mend:

East Jordan Lions: Lion Ron Power is on the Mending List

We wish all unwell Lions a successful and rapid recovery from their ailments!

Alpena Lions SEPTEMBER 2025

Members of the Alpena Lions Club sorted, packaged and organized canned and dry goods at the Friendship Room, which is the soup kitchen in Alpena.



Boyne Valley Lions

SEPTEMBER 2025

From September 24 meeting

Upcoming Events

- a) Varsity homecoming football game vs. Grayling, this Friday, September 26th
 - b) Adopt A Highway will take place on October 4 from 9am - 11am. Meet in the Great Lakes Energy parking lot
 - c) Next club meeting October 8th
 - d) Lions District Convention next April 24th thru the 26. The convention will again be held at the Tree Tops Resort in Gaylord
- Board Meeting held last Wednesday
- a) Donations
 - (1) \$500 to the District Hunger Grant
 - (2) \$1,001 to the Manna Food Project
 - (3) \$1,001 to Room 156, you will remember the presentation from Lea Howie at our last meeting
 - b) Lions going to organize a group of club volunteers to work at the Manna facility this fall

East Jordan Lions

SEPTEMBER 2025

East Jordan Lions Terry Graham, Adam St. Onge, Bob Pursel, Bill and Linda Chase picked up trash on M-66. EJ Lions are part of the Adopt-a-Highway clean up program. Thank you for serving!



East Jordan Lions Club screened 18 children through Kidsight.

Lions Paul Michael, Bill Chase, Terry Graham, Sally Lulak, Linda Gocha, Adam St. Onge, and Linda Michael all helped with the screenings.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Today the Oscoda Lions club ramp crew "recycled" a ramp that they built in February. The person the ramp was built for in February passed away recently. It was requested that we remove the ramp since it was no longer needed.

In the meantime the club got a call from two sisters in Rose City who had health problems and were having difficulty getting in and out of their home. When their situation was looked at it was determined that the ramp they needed was very similar to the now available ramp.

The ramp was disassembled Sunday and the parts were loaded on a trailer at 7:00 this morning and hauled to the location in Rose City. The crew of 5, John Novak, Scott Busich, Dan Gross, Jason Vallier, and Chuck Andrina used the sections of old ramp and platforms with a few new materials to build two platforms of 4x4' and 4x8' and two ramp sections 12' and 22' long. An existing set of steps from the deck were relocated to off the smaller platform as part of the project. The crew finished the work at 2:30. The homeowners were very pleased with the completed work and looked forward to the much easier access the ramp provides.

WE SERVE!

February Ramp



Jason Vallier, John Novak, Dan Gross



Jason Vallier, John Novak, Dan Gross



Scott Busich, Chuck Andrina, Tony Priebe, John Novak, Homeowner



Oscoda Lions (Continued)**SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew of Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina were out building another ramp today. For Tony and Chuck it was kind of "Deja vu all over again". They were part of the crew that built an identical ramp at the same location in August 2015.

The original ramp recipients had sold the property and moved. The property had sold a couple more times and the ramp had been torn out at some point. The current resident has had surgery on her ankle and is scheduled for another surgery. She gets around on a knee scooter and had to go up and down the steps on her seat.

The crew built ramps of 16' and 12' long as well as a 4'x8' platform. The recipient was excited for the completion of the ramp and the much easier access it provides for her to get in and out of her home. The crew picked up the material at 800 and had the project finished by 1230.

WE SERVE!

Rick Stanley, Tony Priebe, Scott Busich, John Novak



Tony Priebe, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, John Novak.

R to L: Tony Priebe, John Novak, Homeowner, Lion Rick Stanley. Homeowner.



Michigan Council of Governors

OCTOBER 2025

(Oct. 04, 2025)

Michigan Council of Governors met at Treetops in Gaylord, where they brought donations for the Winter Warmth Drive for Gaylord area schools.

DG Marie



We Serve

October: 2025 — Knowing Kindness / Coywolves

October is the turning month, when weather turns autumnal, trees change their colors and drop their leaves, and the final day of the month give us the trick or treat of Halloween. Summer weather may linger early in October, but we are usually given a taste of the coming winter later in the month. In fact, this year up to 8.8" of snow fell on some mountain areas in Colorado on Sep. 23, so anything may happen in October as well. Also, some weather forecasts say that the coming Winter will be colder and have more snow — a winter that could be like the winters were decades ago.

One of the things that Lions are known for is Serving others in need with Kindness as we know it. However, there is a lot more to Kindness than we are aware of. I researched what Kindness is, how it works, and why it matters, and learned a lot I didn't know.

Definition of Kindness:

Kindness is the quality of being **friendly, generous, considerate**, and **compassionate** toward others—without expecting anything in return. It's a deliberate act that benefits others, often with emotional or practical support, and can be as simple as a smile or as profound as a life-changing gesture.

How Kindness Works — Psychologically, Socially, and Biologically

1. Psychologically

- **Builds empathy:** Kindness opens the door to understanding others' feelings and perspectives.
- **Boosts well-being:** Both giver and receiver of kindness experience increased happiness, reduced stress, and even decreased symptoms of depression and anxiety.
- **Strengthens identity:** Acts of kindness reinforce positive self-image and purpose.
- **Builds trust and connection:** Kindness helps form and strengthen relationships and communities.
- **Inspires others:** It's contagious—witnessing or receiving kindness often inspires people to "pay it forward."
- **Creates safe environments:** Consistent kindness fosters cultures of respect, safety, and cooperation.

3. Biologically

- **Activates the brain's reward system:** Kindness releases feel-good chemicals like **dopamine, oxytocin**, and **serotonin**.
- **Lowers cortisol (stress hormone):** Leading to reduced blood pressure and a healthier heart.
- **Promotes longevity:** Studies suggest people who engage in regular kind behavior may live longer.

Examples of Kindness in Action:

- Listening without interrupting
- Offering help to someone without being asked.
- Forgiving someone who hurt you.
- Giving time, not just things.
- Being kind to yourself (self-compassion)

Why Kindness Matters:

In a world dominated by competition, division (racism, sexism, bigotry, etc.) indifference, lying, corruption, and violence (war, domestic violence, assassinations, shootings in schools and churches), a quiet force that heals, connects, and uplifts is severely needed. Kindness is a universal language that doesn't require words—and its impact often reaches far beyond what we can see. The world really needs Lions Serving with Kindness.

Something I never heard before: **Coywolves**. A **coywolf** is a hybrid animal — the result of interbreeding between **coyotes** (*canis latrans*) and **eastern wolves** (*canis lycaon* or *canis lupus lycaon*) — and sometimes with **domestic dogs** (*canis familiaris*). The term "**coywolf**" refers to an intermixed hybrid canid that contains genetic material from coyotes (60–70%), eastern wolves (20–25%), and domestic dogs (10–15%).

Coywolves emerged naturally in eastern North America over the last 100 years because of habitat loss and persecution reduced gray and eastern wolf populations – Coyotes, originally native to the western U.S., Expanded eastward in the early 20th century – Coyotes moved into areas where eastern wolves were still present (especially southern Ontario and Quebec), and the two species interbred – Occasional mating with

(Continued)

domestic dogs add dog DNA to the mix. Wolves, coyotes, and dogs all belong to the the genus *Canis* and are closely related, so they can interbreed and produce fertile offspring.

Coywolves now inhabit much of eastern North America, including Southeaster Canada's Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and U. S. states New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia. They are especially common in urban and suburban areas such as Toronto, Boston and New York City where they've adapted remarkably well.

Coywolves traits: Larger than western coyotes (up to 55 lbs), but smaller than wolves; More social than coyotes, and sometimes form packs like wolves; Better at hunting deer and living in urban areas than pure coyotes; More genetically diverse, which may help them adapt to changing environments.

Are there any coywolves in Michigan? Yes — coywolves are present in Michigan, though they're not officially classified as a separate species here. They're well adapted to both rural and suburban areas — including much of Lower and Upper Michigan. So while you won't see "coywolf" listed as a species by the DNR, the animals people call coywolves do exist here — they're the typical "coyotes" you might encounter in Michigan today.

Another of Nature's gifts to our planet and the creatures that live on it.



Coywolf

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Turning Autumn Pictures



Above: One tree has fall orange color, other trees are still summer green at the end of September.



Above Right and Below: The forests are filled with many types of fungi or mushrooms along the hiking trails this time of the year.



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NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the next month issue

- **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.

#kindnessmatters

